









Report No. 280

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE BOARD.

A special Meeting of the Board, sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board, was held in the Board-room, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 3rd day of January, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:—Alderman Thomas Byrne, T.D. and Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, James Carroll, P.C., Bernard Conway, Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Con Lehane, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keefe, Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, William Chase, John Jones, Anthony Lalor, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., James Andrews, P.C., H. P. Dockrell, T.D., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors William Lawless and P. McCarthy.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1957/58.

1. In pursuance of Section 9 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, I have prepared an estimate in the prescribed form showing the amount which, in my opinion, will be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Board during the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958. A copy of the Estimate was sent to each member of the Board on 28th ultimo, together with Printed Report No. 278 which gives details of the several items which go into the calculation of the estimate and proposed net demands.

2. *Final Figures for 1955/56:* When the estimates for the current financial year were made twelve months ago it was expected that, at 31st March, 1956, there would be a debit balance of £35,532. The final figures for 1955/56 showed an actual debit of £25,019.

3. *Estimated results of 1956/57 working:* Before dealing with the figures for the current financial year, I should explain that it was decided during the year to make a further alteration in the method of apportioning expenditure and receipts to the various heads. In the original estimate for the year the sums of £41,000 and £8,000 to be recovered by deduction from the salaries of the nursing staff for rations and uniform clothing supplied, respectively, were treated as receipts. It is considered that a more correct picture is obtained by treating these sums as deductions from the gross cost of Food and Clothing

and omitting them from the Receipts side of the Revenue Account. When allowance is made for these adjustments, the estimated expenditure for 1956/57 is reduced from £899,585 to £850,585 and the estimated receipts from £156,600 to £107,600.

It has been considered desirable also to include the wages of permanent workmen engaged on maintenance and repairs under the heading of "*Structural Alterations, Repairs and Maintenance*" instead of under the heading of "*Salaries and Wages*" as heretofore. The effect of this alteration is to reduce the provision for "*Salaries and Wages*" by £38,000 from £439,250 to £401,250 and to increase the provision for "*Structural alterations, Repairs and Maintenance*" from £27,295 to £65,295.

In the Tables of Expenditure and Receipts which appear on Pages 4 and 5 of Report No. 278 these adjusted figures have been shown to permit of a direct comparison of the figures for the current year with those for the coming year, in the preparation of which the same principles have been used.

During the current financial year to date, expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the official estimate and demand, amounting to a total of £11,707 has been authorised specially by the Board for the following purposes:—

Date	Purpose	Amount
12th April, 1956	Extension of Caretaker's House, Broadmeadow	300
12th April, 1956	Part Costs of Inquiries held at Portrane	799

19th July, 1956	Increased pay for building workers	1,100
18th October, 1956	Increased Fire Insurance	168
15th November, 1956	Increased cost of Medicines	8,500
13th December, 1956	Part cost of centralising cooking services at Portrane	840
		<hr/> £11,707

From the figures available of expenditure and receipts to date, it is estimated that the year will work out with a debit balance of £4,382. Total expenditure is expected to exceed the estimate by £19,815 and receipts are expected to be up by £4,920. The following table shows how the anticipated debit balance at 31st March, 1957, is arrived at:—

Estimated increased expenditure for 1956/57	£19,815
Less estimated increased receipts for 1956/57	4,920
	<hr/> £14,895
Less amount by which actual debit balance at 31/3/56 fell short of estimated debit balance £35,532—£25,019	£10,513
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Anticipated debit balance at 31/3/57 £4,382

It is apparent now that the amounts provided in the original estimate under the following heads will be insufficient: —

Heating, Lighting and Water Supply: The sum

provided originally was £72,000 but on the basis of purchases of fuel already made and the estimated consumption for the balance of the year, it is estimated that a further £10,000 will be required. The additional expenditure is due to (i) increased cost of fuel, particularly fuel oil (ii) increased charges for electricity (iii) the fact that the complete change-over of the electricity supply for Portrane to the National mains has taken longer than was expected.

Superannuations: The sum provided under this heading was £36,500 but it appears now that a further £7,500 will be required in the current year. The cost of superannuations tends to increase in proportion to the increase in salaries and wages subject to a delayed effect by reason of the fact that the pensions, gratuities, etc., are based on a three year average, but it is also subject to substantial variations depending on the number of officers who retire during the year. The actual expenditure for 1955/56 was £43,710 and I consider it prudent to allow for a similar expenditure this year and next year.

I would ask the Board, therefore, to authorise the expenditure of £17,500 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate and Demand for 1956/57, viz:—

Purpose	Amount
Heating, lighting and Water Supply	£10,000
Superannuations	£ 7,500

4. *Estimate for the coming Financial Year 1957/58:* Table 3 of Report No. 278 shows a total increase of £11,955 on the estimated expenditure for 1956/57. The principal increases arise under the following heads:—

Heating, Lighting and Water Supply: An increase on the original estimate for 1956/57 is necessary to meet the higher costs of fuel and electricity mentioned in Paragraph 3 but I propose to provide somewhat less than the revised estimate for 1956/57, in the expectation of a reduction in the consumption of fuel arising from the closing down of the local generating plant and the centralisation of cooking services at Portrane.

Medicines: As reported to the Board on 15th November last, the cost of medicines has increased greatly during the last year, principally because of the use of new and expensive tranquillising drugs. I propose to provide a sum of £12,000 under this head, which is somewhat less than the revised estimate for the current year, since the Chief R.M.S. expects that the quantities of these drugs required will be reduced.

Rents, Rates and Insurances: It has been necessary to provide in the coming year for the increased fire insurance cover on the Hospital Buildings and for rates on additional premises at Portrane which have been valued for rating purposes this year.

Loans Charges: It is expected that the full amount of the Loans authorised for a new works will be drawn before the end of the coming financial year on completion of the new Female Visiting Hall, the centralisation of Services on the Male side at Grange-gorman and the change-over to E.S.B. supply at Portrane. The amount proposed under this head, viz.:—£40,000 is that necessary for repayments of instalments and accrued interest.

I need hardly say that in preparing the estimates of expenditure for the coming year I have had in mind the urgent need for economy which present circumstances impose on all public bodies and I have eliminated any expenditure which can reasonably be deferred or avoided. It will be seen from Table 3 of Report No. 278 that the bulk of the Board's expenditure is on the provision of the simplest necessities for the maintenance and care of its patients, viz.:—food and drink, heating, clothing, medicines, staff and upkeep of premises, none of which can be reduced substantially without a lowering of standards. The Board is aware that many improvements in the accommodation for its patients and staff are necessary or desirable but, under present circumstances, there is no option but to defer many of these improvements and provision is being made only for those which are most pressing.

In view of the present tendency in the price of some commodities I have some misgivings as to the adequacy of the estimate and there is no provision for unforeseen increases in costs, but I am sure that the Board will agree that, under present conditions, it is essential to keep it as low as possible.

Table 4 of Report No. 278 shows that Receipts at £111,000 are estimated to be £3,400 more than for the current year.

5. Apportionment of Demand: The method of apportioning the expenses between the contributing authorities is explained in Table 6 of Report No. 278 and the actual apportionment in Table 5. On the basis of the estimated number of chargeable patients from each area, the total net requirement has been appor-

tioned as set out in Column 4 of Table B of the proposed official Estimate and Demand. After allowing for the estimated debit or credit balances at 31st March, 1957, and deducting estimated receipts in respect of paying patients from each area, the net sums to be demanded, if the estimates as submitted are approved, will be as follows:—

	1957/58	Last Year
Corporation of Dublin (a reduction of £20,997)	£584,950	£605,947
County of Dublin (an increase of £3,541)	£104,262	£100,721
County of Wicklow (a reduction of £5,139)	£ 66,710	£ 71,849

The proposed demands represent a total reduction of £22,595 on the demands made twelve months ago for the current year's expenses. I would emphasise that this reduction is due to the fact that it is expected to end the current year with a nett current balance of £4,382 only—the demands for the current year provided for an opening debit balance of £35,532. The *estimated expenditure* for the coming year is £11,955 more than for the current year, as explained in Paragraph 4 above.

While the total demand shows a reduction, there is an increase in the case of County Dublin because the average number of patients from that area maintained during the current year to date is 9 more than was anticipated. There is an increase of six in the number of patients from Dublin City but County Wicklow benefits by a reduction of 5.

6. All the figures in this report have been certified

to me by the Chief Clerk and Accountant. The estimate has been approved by the City and County Manager and I recommend it for adoption by the Board.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City and County Manager.

3rd January, 1957.

The draft Estimate and the Manager's Report thereon were discussed in detail. Arising out of Paragraph 3 of the Manager's Report, Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor C. Lehane seconded:—

"We recommend that the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £17,500 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1956/57 for the purposes set out in Paragraph 3 of the Manager's Report of this date."

Passed unanimously.

The following resolution, proposed by Councillor J. Carroll and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey, was adopted unanimously:—

"That, having carefully examined the estimates of probable balances at 31st March, 1957, and the various estimates of Receipts and Expenditure as set out in detail in Report No. 278 and, having considered the Manager's Report thereon, we recommend to the Board that the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing financial year 1957/58 be approved and adopted and that the Chairman

and the Chief Clerk be authorised to sign the formal demands on the contributing Councils for the following amounts:—

Corporation of Dublin	£584,950
County Council of Dublin	£104,262
County Council of Wicklow	£66,710
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Total ...	£755,922

It was unanimously agreed to forward a copy of the Manager's Report and the Committee's Recommendations to the public press.

E. M. MURRAY.
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

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E. M. MURRAY.
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 281.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

The statutory Estimates Meeting of the Board and the ordinary monthly meeting was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 10th day of January, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C., Chairman, in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Patrick J. Birmingham, Kevin Boland, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, James Carroll, P.C., Bernard Conway, Gilbert Hughes, Con Lehane, Daniel J. Morris, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, William Chase, Anthony Lalor, Roland Roulston, M. McStay, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., James Andrews, P.C., H. P. Dockrell, T.D., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

An apology was received from Alderman T. Byrne for his inability to attend.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 277 of the 13th December, 1956) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st December, 1956, was submitted as follows:—

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
On Hospital Register at 30th November, 1956	1,754	2,074	3,828
Admitted during month	63	68	131
	<hr/> 1,817	<hr/> 2,142	<hr/> 3,959

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Discharged during month	46	34	80
Died during month	9	12	21
Escaped do.	1	—	1
	<hr/> 56	<hr/> 46	<hr/> 102
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,761	2,096	3,857
Absent on trial and escape	42	40	82
Remaining in residence	<hr/> 1,719	<hr/> 2,056	<hr/> 3,775

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman	...	773	1,183	1,956
In Portrane	...	946	873	1,819
Total number resident as above		<hr/> 1,719	<hr/> 2,056	<hr/> 3,775

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	...	...	2,856
County Dublin	...	...	517
County Wicklow	...	...	340
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	40
Non-district patients		...	22
Total			3,775

ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1957/58.

Councillor C. Lehané proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 280 of the meeting of the Committee of the whole Board held on the 3rd January, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly proposed and Councillor C. Lehané seconded:—"That the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1958, amounting to a net total of £797,840, as set out in Table A of the official Estimate and Demand now submitted, be approved and adopted and that the Board determines the following to be the amounts to be demanded from the contributing Councils, viz.:—

Corporation of Dublin	...	£584,950
County Council of Dublin		£104,262
County Council of Wicklow		£ 66,710
		£755,922

and authorises the Chairman and the Chief Clerk to sign the formal demands on the contributing Councils for these amounts." *Passed unanimously.*

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor William Lawless proposed and Mr. J. Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 279 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 20th December, 1956. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

18th December, 1956.

1. We visited Portrane on Tuesday, 18th December. Accompanied by Dr. Hegarty we inspected Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 Female Divisions, the kitchen, wash-up room and the dining room during the meal for the male patients. We also visited the mattress shop, the tailor's shop and the Male Therapy Department where we interviewed a number of patients who had been treated very successfully by the new drug.

2. We feel that too much of the Medical Superintendent's time is taken up with paper work. There are only four doctors in Portrane to deal with 1,800 patients or just 150 less than Grangegorman. Consequently, we recommend that a typist be employed to assist the R.M.S. and allow him more time for his essential work.

3. We noticed that the shelving in the wash-up room was in very bad repair and should be replaced

4. There is absolutely no doubt that the new drug, Reserpine, has helped considerably in the treatment of patients and has had, on the whole, very satisfactory results.

We wish to thank Dr. Hegarty for his kind assistance.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.
ANTHONY LALOR.
THOMAS O'REILLY.
R. ROULSTON.

Order: Noted. See Manager's report of this date.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 21st February, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board.

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" D. J. Morris.

" Mrs. K. Nix.

" W. Lawless.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" Mrs. C. Byrne.

" James Carroll.

Mr. J. Cahill.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on the 6th instant, 3,790 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	778	1,190	1,968
In Portrane ...	936	886	1,822
	<hr/> 1,714	<hr/> 2,076	<hr/> 3,790

as compared with:—

6th January, 1956 ...	1,745	2,024	3,769
6th January, 1955 ...	1,742	2,012	3,754
6th January, 1954 ...	1,715	2,010	3,725
6th January, 1953 ...	1,645	1,979	3,624

this year's number being 21 more than on the corresponding date last year and 166 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. Since 9th ultimo 59 male and 62 female patients were admitted, total 121. 119 of these were chargeable patients, of whom 64 were Temporary, 41 were Voluntary and 14 were persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted one Private Temporary patient and one patient under Section 102 of Mental Treatment Act from Clonmel Mental Hospital for special treatment.

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. On the 14th ultimo male patient P.C. (31669), aged 62 years had a seizure while sitting in No. 5 Division Dayroom at Portrane. The patient was seen

Nurse E.H. was off duty from the 21st to the 26th December with an injury to his left leg caused by a bicycle accident when going home to lunch on the 19th December.

J.D., temporary attendant, was off duty from the 21st to the 31st December with a scald to her foot which occurred when she was filling a can in the general kitchen.

A number of other accidents to members of the Grangegorman staff are reported which did not cause incapacity.

10. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.* Nurse J.C. was off duty from the 3rd to the 10th December with an injury to his right hand sustained while working in the farmyard.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff are reported which did not cause incapacity.

11. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Portrane on the 18th December by Councillor Colman and Messrs. Lalor, O'Reilly and Roulston, I have to report:—

Item 2. The Portrane Medical Superintendent has not sufficient work for a whole-time typist and he is looking into the possibility of arranging for a member of the existing staff to undertake some of his clerical work.

Item 3. A sum of £350 was provided in the Estimates for the current year for the renewal of sinks and shelving in the main scullery at Portrane. I am in-

structing the Chief Engineer to have this work put in hands.

12. The widow of a patient who died in Grange-gorman last year, has very kindly offered a wireless set belonging to her late husband for use in the hospital as a token of her gratitude for the consideration given by the hospital staff to herself and her husband. The Chief R.M.S. has accepted the offer and conveyed the Board's thanks to this lady.

13. The Charge Painters at Grange-gorman and Portrane were paid an addition of 3d. an hour to the standard painters' rate, for their extra responsibilities. I have had under consideration for a considerable time an application made on behalf of the Charge Painter at Grange-gorman that this rate should be increased. I am satisfied that having regard to the volume of painting work carried out in Grange-gorman during recent years and a comparison of this man's responsibilities with those of charge painters in other similar employments that some increase is justified. Accordingly, I have agreed with the Charge Painter's Union to increase the additional pay from 3d. to 5d. an hour, with effect from the 1st November, 1956, subject to the consent of the Board.

14. On the 12th April last I reported that the Board's Consulting Engineer had recommended the installation of a new 16 m.m. Cinema Projector in the New Female Visiting Hall at Grange-gorman, at an estimated cost of £700, as an alternative to re-conditioning the old 35 cinema projector, for which a p.c. sum of £615 had been included in the contract for the electrical work. The Consulting Engineer has obtained estimates for the supply of the 16 m.m. equipment and he

recommends acceptance of the estimate of Atlas Sound Film Library in the sum of £768 for a projector manufactured by Bauer of Stuttgart which he reports has a number of advantages over the projector originally proposed. I have adopted this report, subject to the Board's approval to the additional expenditure involved.

15. I reported to the Board on the 15th November that it had been necessary to cancel the original contract for the installation of plugs in the staff houses at Portrane and to make a new contract. The new contractor was instructed to proceed with the work on the 26th November but there has been considerable delay in starting the work which is stated to be due in the first place to difficulty in making labour available and subsequently to difficulty in obtaining plastic sheathed cable. The Board's Consulting Engineer has informed me that the work is starting this week.

16. I have accepted the tender of Robert Maude of 31 Wellington Quay for the supply of spectacles as required during the period ending 30th November, 1957, at prices ranging from 12/6 to 13/3 for complete sets with case. This was the lowest of three tenders received.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 13. On the motion of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor B. Conway the Board un-

animously consented to the increase proposed by the Manager in the remuneration of the Charge Painter at Grangegorman.

Paragraph 14. Approved unanimously on the motion of Mr. J. Cahill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

In accordance with notice Councillor P. McCarthy moved:—"That a special sub-committee be appointed to inspect all resident staff quarters and observation bed-rooms, with staff local representatives present on the tour of inspection."

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that the matter was under consideration by the Labour Court.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 282

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of January, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:— Councillors J. Andrews, E. Timmons, W. Lawless, Messrs. W. Chase, A. Lalor, T. O'Reilly, J. Smithers and Miss M. C. Ennis.

24th January, 1957.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

1. During the past month, milk supplies decreased considerably. There was an average deficiency of 67 gallons daily over the month. Whole milk is being purchased for Grangegorman Hospital. Since the last meeting only 22 cows and heifers calved, three of which were put to nurse calves. No cow calved during the last two weeks of December. The low calvings during the month, coupled with the recent cold spell, had a very adverse effect on milk supplies

and present indications are that a milk shortage will occur for the next two months.

The present daily average yield from 233 milking cows is 2.04 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with that of last month:—

	<i>This month</i>	<i>Last month</i>
Over 6 gallons	...	3
5—6 "	...	5
4—5 "	...	18
3—4 "	...	48
2—3 "	...	67
1—2 "	...	65
Under 1 gallon	...	39
Total	233	245

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases (b) sales of livestock during the month of December:—

	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Average per Beast</i>
(a) 21 sheep	£151 17 0	£7 4 7
20 fat pigs for		
Grangegorman	£368 0 0	£18 8 0

(b) 14 calves were sold at the following prices:—

2 @ £4.0.0, 2 @ £4.10.0, 1 @ £6.0.0, 2 @ £7.0.0, 1 @ £9.10.0, 4 @ £10.0.0 and 2 @ £10.10.0 each; total £107.10.0.

26 store pigs were sold at the following prices:—20 @ £9.0.0 and 6 @ £7.10.0 each; total £225.0.0. 2 store sows were sold, 1 @ £18.0.0 and 1 @ £35.0.0; total £53.0.0. 1 brood sow was sold for £45.0.0.

3. *Mastitis*:—The position with regard to mastitis continues to be satisfactory. A few clinical cases have occurred on all farms and, with one exception, all have responded to the usual treatment. The cow that failed to respond lost one quarter.

4. *Grass*:—Grass is very scarce on all farms at present. All milch cows continue to have a run out daily. So far no Spring manuring of pastures has been undertaken, but it is proposed to make a start in early February.

5. *Crops*:—No further sowing of Winter wheat has been made as the ground is still too wet. The nine acres already planted have made satisfactory growth.

The potatoes in storage in the sheds have been all turned and grading is in progress. Due to the mild weather, growth in storage has been rather advanced for the time of year. The surplus Ware potatoes, as graded, are being put in storage and dressed with Fusarex to retard growth. It is not possible to say at this stage how long the crop will last.

6. *Crops and Tillage*:—Thirty acres of ground have been manured for the potato crop, of which twenty acres have been ploughed. Twelve acres of ley ground have been ploughed for grain crops, while forty five acres of broken ground have also been ploughed.

7. *Santry Court*:—There are at present 119 head of cattle on Santry Court Farm, of which 73 are housed at night and are running on the pastures during the day. All stock are being foddered twice daily with hay, with the exception of 21 young calves which are getting one feed of silage per day. The

silage for these is being drawn from Turvey once a week. The pastures on this farm are very bare.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 38 calves, 63 yearling heifers, 17 two-year-old heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, PORTRANE.

24th January, 1957.

1. *Vegetable Fields*:—Crops in season at the moment consist of 3 acres Savoy cabbage, 4 acres broccoli, 1 acre swede turnips and 1 acre leeks. 7 ton of carrots are in clamps and 2 ton of apples in storage.

The area under vegetables is not sufficient to keep up a continuous supply and swede turnips and dried peas are now being purchased to supplement our own produce.

2. Spring cabbage (10 acres) and Autumn onion crops are doing well; some of these may be fit for use by mid-April.

3. *Tillage*:—18 acres have been ploughed during the past month; 4 acres of this ground are being prepared for planting cabbage.

4. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds:*—All fruit trees and bushes have been pruned, sprayed and manured. Half an acre of rhubarb has been transplanted into new ground. Indoor work consisted of taking 2,000 chrysanthemum cuttings and potting and mossing 3,000 geraniums for bedding purposes.

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5. Autumn onions, lettuce and leeks are making favourable progress. We have just commenced the pruning of fruit trees. All idle ground is ploughed in readiness for Spring tillage.

Recreation grounds, flower beds and shrubberies are in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Ordered. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND GARDENS.

7th January, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Hayes we inspected Turvey Farm. Stock was out and from our observations they seemed to be in good condition. Young calves are making good progress both here and at Ballymastone.

2. Preparations are in progress for the Spring sowing and potato digging is completed.

3. At the farmyard we visited the piggeries which are considerably overstocked due to the delay in transfer of pigs to Grangegorm, but there will be a considerable easing in this position from now on. The farm houses are in good condition and machines were being overhauled and stored. The farmyards in general presented a very clean, tidy and hygienic appearance.

4. The silage pits were well stocked but considerable inroads are now being made in them due to the shortage of hay.

5. After lunch we visited the gardens with Mr. Wolohan. Spring digging was in progress and preparations were being made for sowing. The new greenhouses are satisfactory. Some of the glass had been slipping but this is being attended to. A considerable number of plants were being potted in preparation for the Spring layout. The grounds in general presented a clean tidy appearance.

We wish to thank Mr. Hayea and Mr. Wolohan for their help during the Inspection.

W. J. COLMAN.

ANTHONY LALOR.

THOMAS P. O'REILLY.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 28th February, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee: —

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

„ G. Hughes.

„ E. Timmons.

Mr. W. Chase.

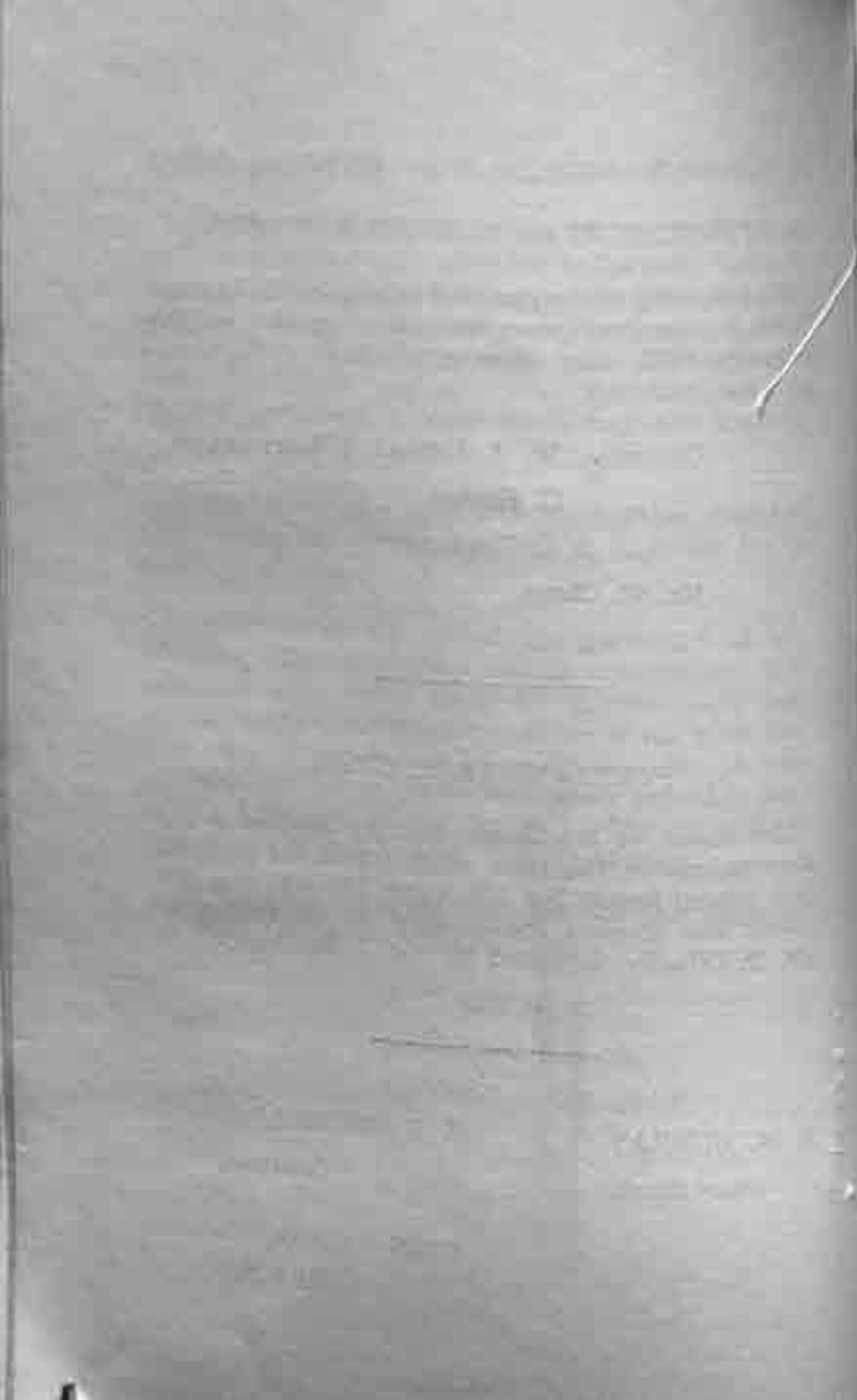
PORTRANE FARM COSTS.

The report of Mr. James Mahony containing his observations on the farm costs report for 1954/55 (see printed Report No. 279, Pages 346-354), was discussed and adopted unanimously on the motion of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. J. Smithers.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.



Report No. 283

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of February, 1957. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor E. Timmons was appointed to take the Chair. The following members were also present: —

City of Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, Mrs. C. Byrne, Bernard Conway, D. Delaney, G. Hughes, Mrs. K. Nix, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, W. Chase, J. Jones, A. Lalor, R. Roulston, L. Gaynor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives:—Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman Mrs. C. Lynch and Councillors W. J. Colman, Mrs. M. Mulvey and T. Stafford.

On the motion of the presiding Chairman (Councillor E. Timmons), seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly, the

Chief Clerk was directed to convey to Councillor W. J. Colman the Board's sympathy with him in his illness and their best wishes for his speedy restoration to health.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 281 of the 10th January, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

CONDOLENCE

It was proposed by Councillor E. Timmons and seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly: "That we learn with deep regret of the death of Councillor James Andrews, for many years a member of this Board and we tender to his relatives our sincerest sympathy with them in the loss they have sustained." The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st January, 1957, was submitted as follows: —

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 31st			
December, 1956	1,761	2,096	3,857
Admitted during month	97	70	167
	1,858	2,166	4,024
	<i>Males Females Total</i>		
Discharged			
during month	66	58	124

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Died during						
month ...	10	13	23			
Escaped do.	3	—	3	79	71	150

Remaining on Hospital Register	1,779	2,095	3,874
Absent on trial and escape	29	37	66

Remaining in residence ...	1,750	2,058	3,808
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DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman ...	805	1,195	2,000
In Portrane ...	945	863	1,808

Total number resident as above	1,750	2,058	3,808
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CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin ...	2,883
County Dublin ...	525
County Wicklow ...	338
Criminal Lunatics ...	41
Non-district patients ...	21

Total ... 3,808

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. Lawless seconded the adoption of Report No. 282 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 24th January, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN

15th January, 1957.

1. We inspected Grangegorman on above date, accompanied by Dr. Eveleen O'Brien and later by Dr. R. McCarthy and Miss Murphy, Assistant Matron.

The kitchens in both houses were clean and well scrubbed. The dinners were in preparation and consisted of roast-beef, vegetables and potatoes, both in jackets and roasted. There was mince and stewing chops for some patients and fish for invalids. We saw that there was a good variety and nobody was passed over. There was a milk pudding to follow. The patients all seemed happy and there were no complaints.

2. We then visited No. 22 Hospital where all patients were comfortable. The T.B. ward was in good order and the patients were resting.

3. In the Operating Theatre, the sister was cleaning and tidying. There was no operations that day. We visited the dining, recreation and therapy rooms. There was a good stock in hand in the workroom. The workers were engaged in the making of dressing-gowns, bed-jackets and frocks. In all there were 67 workers.

4. We visited No. 14 Division. It showed a great air of cleanliness and it was well ventilated. The painting of this division in pale shades is a great improvement.

In the Treatment Ward we were informed that the surgery was held up, though very necessary to

the doctors who are anxious to get on with the new treatment which will benefit all the patients.

5. We received one complaint that the potatoes sent to the kitchen were not washed.

We would like to thank the doctors and Miss Murphy for their courtesy, kindness and co-operation shown to us in the course of our visit.

W. COLMAN.
KATHLEEN NIX.
WILLIAM LAWLESS.
DANIEL MORRIS.

Order: Referred to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

22nd January, 1957.

1. An Inspection was carried out at Portrane Mental Hospital on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1957.

We first of all went into the Kitchen and inspected the food which was well cooked and excellent quality.

2. In the Male Dining Hall we watched the patients at Dinner. The potatoes did not look too good, but at this time of the year this is not unusual.

3. The repairs have not yet been carried out in the Scullery but we were informed they are to be done fairly soon.

The Bread and Butter machine seems to be working satisfactorily now that the butter is kept in a cupboard through which a heated pipe runs.

4. In the Female Hospital everything was spick and span and all the patients were most comfortable.

5. Although the financial year is nearing a close, there were ample supplies of clothing, towels, delph, etc., in the Stores.

6. We also inspected the stores of beef, butter and eggs all of which were of excellent quality.

7. The Churches (Catholic and Protestant) are a credit to the Hospital, as both are so spotlessly clean.

We are indebted to Drs. Hegarty and Harte for their kindness in showing us around.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

JOHN CAHILL.

JAMES CARROLL.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN

11th January, 1957.

1. An Inspection was carried out at Grangegorman Mental Hospital on Friday, 11th January, 1957.

In the Women's Therapy Sections we saw some useful work being well done. On speaking to a few of the patients, we were told how much they had all

enjoyed themselves at Christmas, and how grateful they were to all the staff for their kindness to them.

2. No. 22 Division was found to be very clean and comfortable and all the patients seemed quite happy.

3. If the walls of St. Clare's Ward were washed down, it could be made as bright and colourful as St. Anne's Ward, which we thought really outstanding. The addition of the wardrobes for patients' clothes is to be commended.

4. The first lunch was finishing as we inspected the Men's Dining Hall. While the Hall was being tidied up for second lunch, we inspected the Male Kitchen. This is not as clean as it might be. The table, trolleys and floor are not being scrubbed thoroughly.

The floor in the Male Dining Hall requires attention before an accident occurs.

5. The new Female Visiting Hall, in course of construction will, when completed, be a great addition to the Hospital and will serve many useful purposes.

We are very grateful to the Assistant Matron, to Sister O'Hare, Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Judge for their kindness to us when going through the various divisions.

WILLIAM COLMAN.
MARY MULVEY.
CATHERINE BYRNE.
GILBERT HUGHES.

Order: Referred to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 21st March, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons.

" D. Delaney.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Miss M. C. Ennis.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons.

" W. Lawless.

Mr. William Chase.

Mr. William Gaynor.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

15th February, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on the 12th instant, 3,832 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	823	1,199	2,022
In Portrane	936	874	1,810
	1,759	2,073	3,832

as compared with:—

12th February, 1956	1,755	2,022	3,777
12th February, 1955	1,750	2,046	3,796
12th February, 1954	1,716	2,003	3,719
12th February, 1953	1,642	2,008	3,650

this year's number being 55 more than on the corresponding date last year and 182 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

3. On the 10th January I reported that female patient M.K. (9698), aged 61 years, had slipped and fallen in Grangegorman on the 25th December and sustained a fracture of the right hip. The patient was suffering from heart disease and pulmonary congestion and I regret to say that she died on the 7th February. The death has been reported to the Coroner and an inquest will be held.

4. Male patient P.B. (10933), a liberty patient, escaped from No. 10 Division in Grangegorman on the 7th January. He was apprehended by the Gardai on the 8th in County Meath and was charged with having stolen a bicycle and broken into a house. He was returned to Grangegorman by order of the Court on the 16th January.

On the 15th January male patient J.K. (10877), a liberty patient in Grangegorman, escaped and went to England where he was apprehended by the Police and put on the boat for Dublin. Male nurses were sent to meet the boat but the patient did not leave by the passenger gangway and succeeded in eluding them.

On the 22nd January male patient D.M. (10430) escaped from No. 6 Division at Grangegorman by

getting over the railings when patients were going out for exercise. He was found by a male nurse at his home the next day and brought back to the hospital.

Male patient C.M. (10001), a voluntary patient at Grangegorman, did not return off pass on 22nd ultimo.

Female patient R.C. (8773), escaped from Grangegorman on the 6th February. She returned to the hospital on the 8th of her own volition. The patient was employed in the kitchen of No. 24 Division and her escape was not noticed until bedtime because she was believed to be present at a cinema performance, which was being given in the division that evening. On her return to the hospital she showed no ill effects.

Further enquiries are being made into the circumstances of this escape.

5. On the 31st January at 6.30 p.m. it was noted that male patient H.B. (376) was missing from No. 7 Division at Portrane. It appears that he succeeded in escaping through a window in the Sanatorium at ground level. The patient was found at 1 a.m. the following morning by the Gardai at Lusk and was brought back to Grangegorman at 2 a.m.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this escape which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.*—When female patient C. McM. (9152) was being undressed for

bathing at Grangegorman on the 29th January she was extremely troublesome and resistive and it was necessary for one nurse to hold her securely. The patient made a sudden, violent movement and the nurse who was holding her heard a sharp crack and noticed the patient's left arm go limp. The patient was given immediate treatment for a fractured arm by a Medical Officer and the arm was put in plaster-of-paris by a Visiting Surgeon the same evening.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to the nurses in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. Accidents to Patients, Portrane.—On the 1st January Male patient T.M. (34241), aged 77 years, fell on the floor of No. 6 Division while getting out of bed and sustained an injury to the right shoulder showing evidence of a fracture of the neck of the humerus.

On the 20th January male patient P.P. (681), aged 66 years, had an epileptic fit, following which he complained of being unable to walk. He was removed immediately to the hospital where an examination revealed evidence of a fracture of the neck of the left femur.

On the 1st January female patient J.K. (27979), aged 70 years, was accidentally knocked off balance by another patient and sustained a slight cut on the back of the head and injury to the left leg. An examination showed evidence of a fracture of the neck of the femur.

On the 10th January female patient N.O'D. (3012) aged 64 years, slipped on the dormitory floor while being assisted by a nurse and sustained a fracture of the neck of the left femur. This patient is rather feeble and always requires assistance in getting around.

On the 18th January female patient B.M. (43309), aged 77 years, sustained an injury to the right hip from a fall while getting out of bed. An examination revealed clinical evidence of a fracture of the neck of the right femur.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.*—On the 28th January T. McP., carpenter, injured the fingers of his left hand while operating a circular saw. He has been off duty since that date.

Nurse J.B. fell and injured his back while playing hockey for the hospital team on the 12th January and has been off duty since that date.

Nurse P.L. had her finger twisted by a patient on the 23rd ultimo and has been off duty since that date.

Nurse M.E.M. has been off duty since the 6th January with a fractured ankle sustained when she fell on her way home from the hospital.

Nurse P.G. was off duty from the 21st to the 23rd January with an injury to his right ankle caused by a kick from a patient.

Attendant M.S. was off duty from the 22nd January to the 2nd February with a sprained ankle caused by a fall on a stairs in the hospital.

A number of other accidents to members of the

Grangegorman staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Temporary Attendant M.A.L. sprained her ankle on the 1st February, when she slipped on the stairs of No. 1 Division and she has been off duty since that date.

Attendant A.M.O'K. was off duty from the 2nd to the 9th January with a sprained ankle caused by a fall.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

10. The consent of the Minister for Health has been obtained to the establishment of a Mental Health Clinic in the Dispensary at Balbriggan, as proposed. The Clinics will be held on the first and third Monday of each month from 3.30 to 4 p.m.

11. The Clerk of Works reports that considerable damage to the roofs and gutters at Grangegorman was caused by the storm on the evening of the 4th February. Several large breaches were made in the roof and many lengths of gutters were smashed; the roof lights over the laundry suffered severe damage, the asbestos roofing of the boilerhouse on the female side was holed in several places and one of the heavy glass roof domes on the recreation room in the Nurses' Home was shattered. He estimates the cost of repairing the damage at £400.

Somewhat similar damage was caused in Portrane and the Chief Engineer estimates the cost of repairs at approximately £400.

lights and a warning bell in the boilerhouse. I have adopted this recommendation as a matter of urgency.

18. Tenders were invited recently for the supply of garden seeds and sundries required for the coming season and on the recommendation of the Head Gardener I have accepted the following, being the lowest of 5 received:—

Grangegorman requirements—Messrs. Hackett and Co. in the sum of £147 6s. 7d.

Portrane requirements—Messrs. Thomas McKenzie and Sons, Ltd., in the sum of £275 14s. 11d.

19. Tenders were invited also for the supply of Pasteurised milk to Grangegorman, to supplement supplies from Portrane farm and I have accepted that of Tel-el-Kebir Dairy, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, at 3/- a gallon, being the lowest of three tenders received.

20. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in December last. 41 Grangegorman candidates (17 male and 24 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 31 were successful (14 male and 17 female attendants). 12 candidates (2 male and 10 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, all of whom were successful.

36 Portrane candidates (11 male and 25 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 23 were successful, (8 male and 15 female attendants). 13 candidates (2 male and 11 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, of whom

12 were successful (2 male and 10 female attendants).

21. I have been advised by the Department of Health of the increases which may be granted to pensioners of the Board under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956. The rates of increase vary from 15% for pensions under £100 per annum to 6% for pensions over £450 per annum. The number of pensioners affected is 136. I have approved of the grant of increases in accordance with the authorised scale, subject to the authorisation of the Board of the additional expenditure involved which will amount to £956 in the current financial year and £2,300 in the coming financial year.

The increases apply to pensioners who retired before 1st November, 1952 and, at reduced rates, to those who retired subsequently but who did not get the full benefit of the increase in remuneration granted from 1st November, 1952, in the calculation of their pensions.

22. I have received from the Board's Architect revised plans for the proposed New Treatment Unit at Grangegorman which have been prepared, at the request of the Department of Health, with a view to reducing the amount of space required for the new building. I propose to submit these plans to the Special Building Committee and I should be glad if the Committee would meet for that purpose at the earliest possible date.

23. In the course of my recent inspection of Grangegorman, I observed one matter in particular which calls for immediate attention, viz.:—the dining facilities for the male and female nursing staffs. The accommodation is unsatisfactory on both sides being inadequate as to size and location. I have given a

good deal of consideration to the problem and I believe that the only satisfactory solution is to build a new dining hall. There is a convenient site for this purpose at the rear of the Administration Building. On my instructions the Architect has prepared a sketch plan of a new dining hall which I propose to submit to the Special Building Committee at the meeting referred to in the previous paragraph.

Since I regard this matter as being extremely urgent I would like the Board at this meeting to deal with the question of providing the money necessary for the proposed new building. The Architect estimates the total cost at £11,500, of which £10,000 represents the cost of building and the provision of mechanical and electrical services and cooking equipment; the balance of £1,500 consists of Consultant's fees, furniture and furnishings and a small sum for contingencies. I propose that the total of £11,500 should be provided as follows:—

The Board's Treasurers, the Munster and Leinster Bank are agreeable to lend a sum of £8,000 repayable by equal half yearly instalments, with interest, over ten years. The rate of interest payable will be that charged by the Irish Banks for similar loans, the current rate being 4½%

£8,000

In January, 1955, approval was obtained to a ten year loan of £7,500 from the Munster & Leinster Bank for the overhaul and repair of steam boilers at Portrane. The actual amount of work required on the boilers is not as great as was anticipated and it is probable that there will be a sum of approximately £2,000

not required for this purpose. I propose subject to the approval of the Board and the consent of the Minister for Local Government to utilise the sum of £7,500 to defray part of the cost of the new dining hall as well as the repairs to the steam boilers. This arrangement, if approved, will make available a further sum for the new dining hall of approximately

£2,000

I propose that any further sum which may be required for the new dining hall will be defrayed out of revenue. On the basis of the estimate at present before me this sum should not exceed

£1,500

£11,500

If the Board approves of this proposal and the Building Committee is satisfied with the Architect's plan, I propose to put the work in hand by direct labour as quickly as possible.

24. On 17th May last I reported that the Board's Consulting Engineer had advised that it would be necessary to provide additional storage tanks and booster pumps and replace part of the external mains and internal pipework in order to improve the water supply on the Male Side at Grangegorman. The cost of this work was estimated to be £10,050 and the scheme was submitted for the approval of the Minister for Health on 19th May last.

In September last the Consulting Engineer reported that it would be necessary, as a matter of urgency, to proceed with that part of the scheme which would

increase the storage capacity for hot water supplies—unless this were done the Board could not derive the full benefit from the scheme for the centralisation of heating and hot water supplies on the Male Side which was then nearing completion. The Consulting Engineer estimates the inclusive cost of this part of the scheme at £5,500 and the Minister's approval to proceeding with it has just been received.

As in the case of the scheme referred to in the preceding paragraph, a problem arises about providing for the cost of this work. In June, 1954, approval was obtained to a loan of £50,000 from the Local Loans Fund to defray the cost of reconstructing No. 4 Division at Grangegorman (£45,000) and the construction of two staff houses at Portrane (£5,000). Some time after the loan had been approved, the Minister for Health made available a grant of £100,000 towards the cost of providing patient accommodation to relieve over-crowding and £18,000 out of this grant was used to meet part of the cost of reconstructing No. 4 Division. Consequently, on the figures available at present, it appears that part of this loan will not be required for the purposes for which it was sanctioned. I propose, subject to the approval of the Board and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, to use part of this balance to finance the cost of the improvement in the water services on the Male Side at Grangegorman.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO
BOARD.

21st February, 1957.

25. Since 6th ultimo, 118 male and 98 female patients were admitted, total 216. Two hundred and twelve of these were chargeable patients, of whom 101 were temporary, 73 were voluntary and 38 were persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted three private patients (two temporary and one voluntary) and one patient from Monaghan Mental Hospital for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

26. On the 9th instant a report was received that three male patients had been seen crossing the boundary wall at Grangegorman. Search parties were sent out after them but they could not be located. It was found that three liberty patients, J.C. (10862), M.D. (11159) and G.F. (11180) were missing. They were subsequently located in Belfast—the two first named were brought back to the Hospital on 12th and the third on 15th instant.

27. On 6th instant the Charge Nurse in No. 1 Male Division at Grangegorman noticed that patient W.N. (11173) was looking unwell and had him transferred to the Male Hospital where he was examined by a medical officer and put to bed. A further examination on 8th instant and an X-ray showed that the patient had sustained a fracture of the 7th, 8th and 9th left ribs.

The Chief R.M.S. has interviewed every member of the nursing staff who was on duty in No. 1 Division on 5th and 6th instant but none of them can recollect having seen the patient fall or is able to give any explanation as to how he met with the injuries. The patient himself says that he fell but he is unable to say when or where he had fallen.

The Chief R.M.S. thinks it possible that the patient may have injured himself in falling against a wooden bench. He is satisfied that no blame can be attributed to any member of the staff in connection with the incident.

28. In connection with the application made to the Minister for Health for a grant towards the cost of reconstructing the temporary building at Grange-gorman, formerly occupied by No. 2 Division, I have been informed by the Department of Health that the Hospitals Trust Fund is over committed already and that no provision for this scheme has been made in the current Building Programme. The Department states, however that in the special circumstances the Minister is prepared to authorise a grant from the Fund not exceeding £10,000 to assist the Board in meeting the cost of the scheme. The Department emphasises that this is the maximum grant which can be provided.

The total cost of the scheme is estimated to be £73,500. I am sure the Board will agree that the scheme is necessary and, if they approve, I propose to investigate the possibility of borrowing the balance of £63,500 required.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 13: Noted.

Paragraph 15: Noted.

Paragraph 17: Noted.

Paragraph 21: Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. J. Smithers:—"That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £956 in the financial year 1956/57 and £2,300 in 1957/58 in excess of the amounts provided in the official Estimate and Demand for those years, on the payment of increased pensions to retired officers of the Board." Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 22: Meeting of Special Building Committee to be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 28th February, 1957.

Paragraph 23: Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Mr. Anthony Lalor, "That the Manager's proposal in regard to the provision of a new Staff Dining Hall be adopted, subject to approval of the plans by the Special Building Committee." Passed unanimously.

Arising also out of this part of the Manager's report, it was proposed by Councillor William Lawless and seconded by Mr. A. Lalor and resolved unanimously:—"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £8,000 (Eight thousand pounds) for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of constructing a new staff dining hall at Grangegorman Mental Hospital; the said sum of £8,000 to be bor-

rowed from the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of ten years, with interest on out-standing balances at the rate charged by the Irish Banks from time to time for such loans;

That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the balance available from the loan of £7,500 obtained from the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., in October, 1955, to defray the cost of overhaul and repair of boilers at Portrane, be used to defray a further part of the cost of the new staff dining hall;

That the balance of the cost of the new staff dining hall be met out of Revenue and for that purpose the Manager is hereby authorised to expend a sum of £1,500 in excess of the total sum provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58."

Paragraph 24. Proposed by Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Bernard Conway, "That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the purposes of the loan of £50,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works (which was sanctioned to defray the cost of reconstructing No. 4 Division at Grangegorman and building two staff houses at Portrane) be extended to include the improvement of the water supply on the Male Side at Grangegorman and that a sum of £5,500 be now obtained out of the Loan for the latter purpose." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 28: Referred to Special Building Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

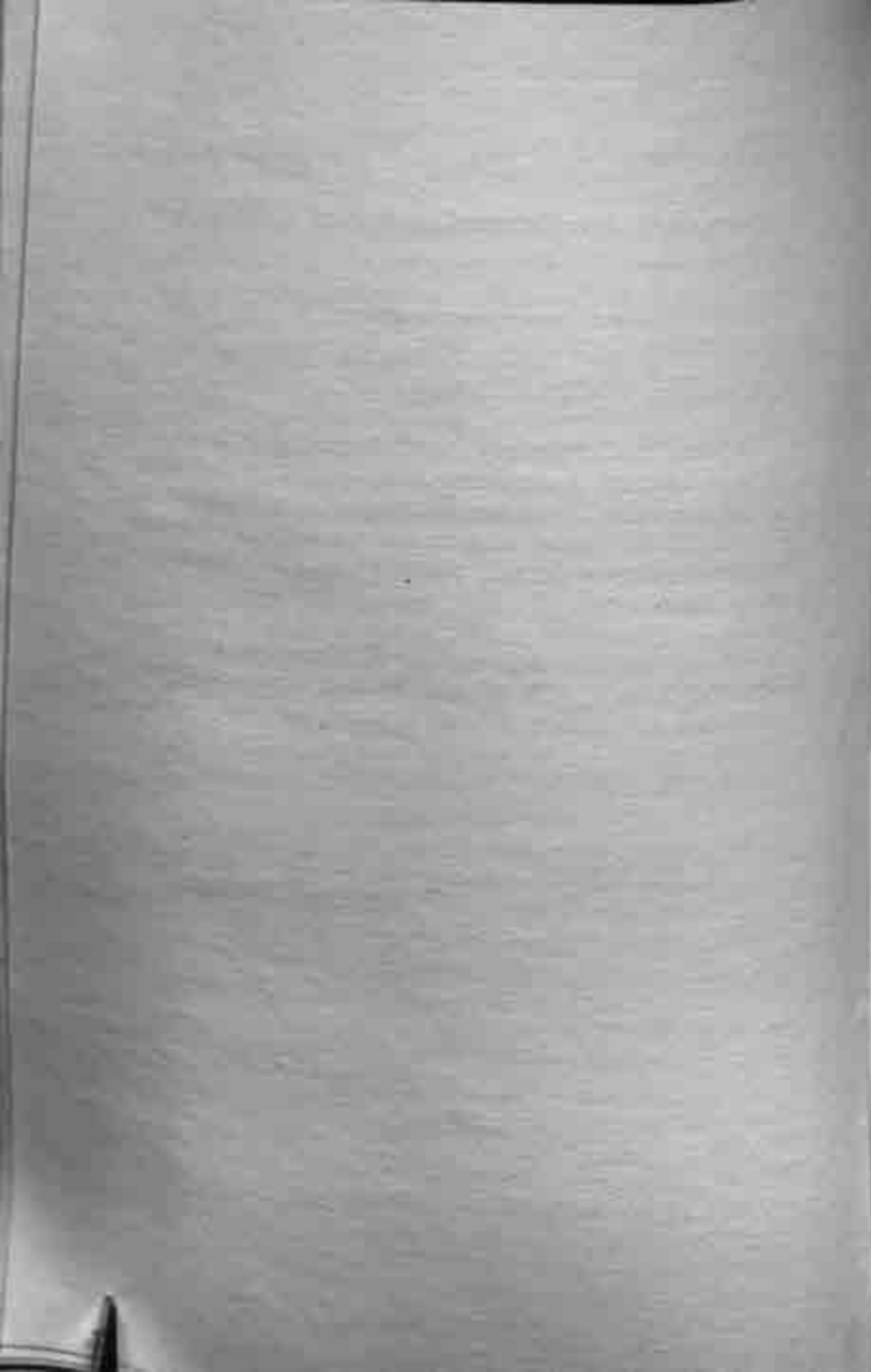
Letter dated February, 1957, from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., enclosing for completion a form for the appointment of a Nominee to represent the Board and on their behalf to vote and exercise every right and power incidental to membership.

On the motion of Councillor E. Timmons, seconded by Mr. John Cahill, it was decided unanimously to continue Councillor W. J. Colman as the Board's Nominee.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Acting Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.



Report No. 284.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of February, 1957. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor E. Timmons took the Chair. Also present:—Councillor W. Lawless, Messrs. W. Chase, T. P. O'Reilly, J. Smithers and Miss M. C. Ennis.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

28th February, 1957.

1. During the past month milk supplies have increased considerably. There was an average deficiency of 44 gallons per day over the month, compared with 67 gallons over the previous month. This deficiency is being met by the purchase of pasteurized milk for Grangegorman. During the month 47 cows and heifers calved, which helped considerably to improve supplies. The slight deficiency is likely to occur for at least another month, depending on the earliness of Spring grass supplies.

The present daily average yield from 247 milking cows is 1.94 gallons. The following table gives an

7. *Santry Court*: At present there are 119 head of cattle at Santry Court, of which 76 are housed at night and are running on the pastures during the day. All the stock are being foddered twice daily with hay, with the exception of 23 calves which are getting one feed of silage per day. 29 acres of pastures on this farm are closed off from stock for some time and will be manured in early March in preparation for some early grass for calves. The pastures on this farm are also very wet and quite an amount of cutting up by stock has occurred.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 38 calves, 63 yearling heifers, 17 two-year-old heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARNENER, PORTRANE.

28th February, 1957.

1. *Crops*:—The area remaining under Winter crops is:—1½ acres Savoy Cabbage, 4 acres broccoli, 1 acre swede turnips and ½ acre leeks. 2 ton of carrots are in clamps, and 1 ton of apples in storage. Swede turnips and dried peas are being purchased to supplement our own produce.

2. The Spring Cabbage (10 acres) is doing well; a dressing of nitrate of soda was applied to it during the past fortnight. A further 3 acres of cabbage was

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planted recently, bringing the total area under Spring Cabbage to 13 acres.

3. *Tillage*:—6 acres have been ploughed during the past month. A small portion of this has been prepared for Spring sowings.

4. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds*:—Work in this section consisted of sowing flowering annuals, tomato and lettuce seeds. The making of new road-ways in reclaimed gardens has been completed.

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5. Ploughing and digging vacant ground, preparing seed beds, planting shrubs and general upkeep of recreation grounds is in hands.

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6. Pruning and manuring fruit trees, digging and manuring flower borders and preparing glasshouses for tomato plants is proceeding.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDENS.

6th February, 1957.

1. We, the undersigned, visited Portrane on Wednesday, 6th February, 1957. Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, kindly met us at Donabate with his car and took us to Turvey. The farm yard and buildings

were neat and tidy and we were very pleased with the lot of young calves showing every sign of care and attention. The supplies of hay and silage appear adequate to last out the season. The potato crop appears of excellent quality but the Manager advises that at the rate they are being used there is likely to be a shortage. The cow byre appeared clean and comfortable and we noted workmen engaged in replacing drinking bowls. The land is still in a very wet condition.

2. At Ballymastone we noted another fine lot of young calves very well cared for. The potato crop is well harvested and good progress is being made with ploughing in spite of wet conditions. The bull purchased from Crooksling Sanatorium has progressed very well and is a decided asset to our breeding activities on the farm.

3. At Portrane we noted, with pleasure, the continued progress of our piggeries. The sows, bonhams and stores are of excellent quality. The high class boars and young sows should maintain the high standard for some time to come.

4. The new potato shed, containing about 120 tons of potatoes, is certainly the right idea and the grain mixing plant appears to be giving the best possible results.

5. The gardens are being prepared for Spring planting and present a very quiet appearance just now; although rather wet good progress is being made. Mr. Wolohan is keeping everything up to the usual high standard.

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Our best thanks are due to Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, for his courtesy and help.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

WILLIAM CHASE.

GILBERT HUGHES.

Order: Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 28th March, 1957, date of next meeting of Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons.

„ W. Lawless.

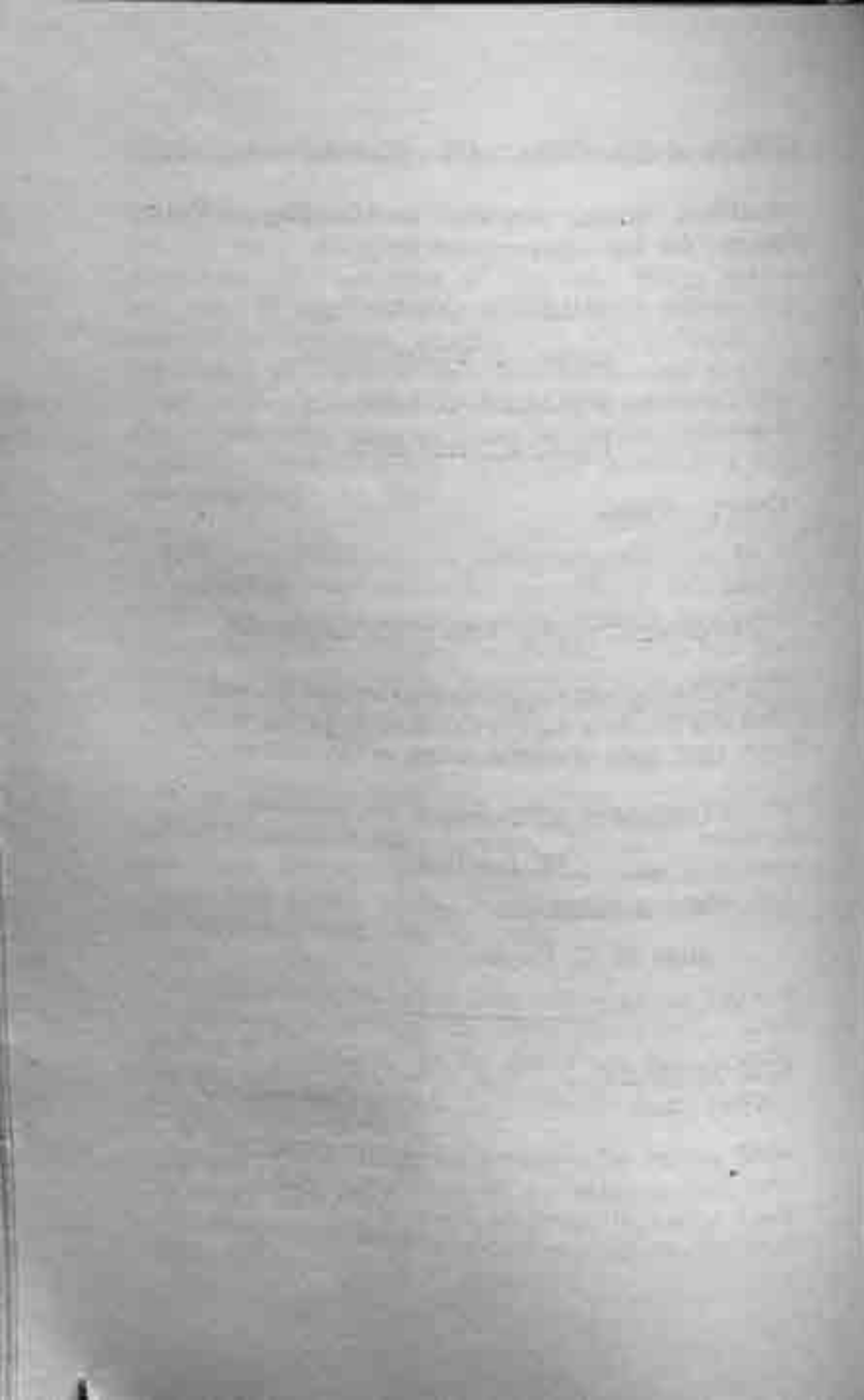
Mr. J. Smithers.

Miss M. C. Ennis.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Acting Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.



Report No. 285

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Special Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of February, 1957. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Councillor E. Timmons, took the Chair. Also present: Councillors W. Lawless, P. McCarthy, Mrs. C. Nix, Messrs. J. Cahill, W. Chase, J. Jones, A. Lalor, T. P. O'Reilly, J. Smithers and Miss M. C. Ennis.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

28th February, 1957.

1. With reference to Paragraph 23 of my report to the meeting of the Board on 21st instant, I submit the sketch plans (Nos. NDG/257/2 and NDG/257/3) prepared by the Board's Architect for the new staff dining hall which it is proposed to construct at the rere of the Annexe at Grangegorman.

It is proposed to reconstruct and extend a store at the rere of the Boardroom to provide new dining accommodation for 128 nurses at one sitting and a kitchen large enough to cater for all the resident nursing staff as well as the clerical staff and Board members. The kitchen which caters at present for the clerical staff and Board members will be incor-

porated in the scheme. No alteration to the existing Board dining room is necessary.

The total cost including equipment, furnishings, etc., is estimated to be £11,500 and it is proposed to carry out the work by direct labour, re-using, where possible, existing steel beams, timber joists, rooflights and pipework.

The Board at its meeting on 21st instant adopted this proposal, subject to approval of the plans by the Special Building Committee, and approved of my proposals for financing it.

2. On 17th November, 1955, the Board adopted a report of the Special Building Committee recommending approval of the Architect's sketch plans for a new building to accommodate 82 patients on the site formerly occupied by the No. 2 Division temporary buildings at Grangegorman. The Architect's sketch plans were approved by the Department of Health on 21st December, 1955, subject to certain alterations.

Revised sketch plans were submitted to the Department of Health on 18th May, 1956, together with a revised approximate estimate of cost, requested by the Department, as follows:—

Building	...	...	...	£53,300
Mechanical and Electrical Services	...	...	...	£10,000
Site Works	...	...	...	£ 2,700
Fees, loan charges, etc., and contingencies	...	...	...	£ 7,500
				<hr/>
				£73,500

On 11th June, 1956, the plans (Nos. GMH/2D/5 and GMH/2D/6) were approved by the Department.

When the scheme for the reconstruction of these temporary buildings was approved in principle in February, 1955, the Board had directed that application be made to the Minister for Health for a grant towards the cost. In January, 1956, the Department of Health replied that no provision had been made in the current Hospital Building Programme for this scheme and the Minister was not in a position to promise a grant from the Hospitals Trust Fund. It was stated, however, that the provision of funds for certain urgent works not included in the Hospital Building Programme was under consideration and a decision would be conveyed when the matter had been finalised.

On 21st instant I submitted to the Board a letter dated 16th instant from the Department of Health stating that the Minister would be prepared to authorise a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of the scheme but emphasising that this was the maximum grant which could be provided. The Department stated that the Minister was anxious that the Board should put the work in hands at the earliest possible moment.

As the total cost is estimated to be £73,500 it will be necessary to borrow the balance of £63,500 not covered by grant. If a loan can be obtained, the working drawings could be completed and work commenced at an early date.

3. On 30th September, 1954, the Special Building Committee approved the Architect's diagrammatic

plan for the proposed new Treatment Unit at Grangegorman and on 18th November, 1954, the plan was approved by the Department of Health subject to the omission of a X-ray Department.

On 24th February, 1955, I reported to the Committee that the Architect had been instructed to proceed with the preparation of working drawings. Draft working drawings were submitted to the Department of Health on 17th June, 1955.

On 4th February, 1956, the Department requested that a revised lay-out of the building should be submitted, which would reduce the area covered by the building and give the greatest number of beds the advantage of a southern aspect. The Board was informed of this on the 16th February, 1956. The Architect had been examining how this can be best done and I am now submitting revised diagrammatic sketch plans (Site Plan No. GMH.255/L1, Ground Floor Plan No. TU.9 and First Floor Plan No. TU.10) which I have discussed with the Chief R.M.S. and recommend for approval. These plans provide for a two story building with female patients on the ground floor and male patients on the top floor.

In November, 1949, the Minister for Health promised a grant of £100,000 towards the cost of a new Admission and Treatment Unit, new Visiting Halls and a New O.T. Unit. Of this amount approximately £30,000 has been or will be expended on the New Visiting Halls and O.T. Unit at Grangegorman, leaving a balance of £70,000 approximately for the New Treatment Unit.

T. O'BROIN,
Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Paragraph 1. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. A. Lalor: "That the sketch plans submitted be approved, subject to the provision of a larger hatch between the staff dining room and kitchen, to suit self-service arrangements, if required. *Passed unanimously.*

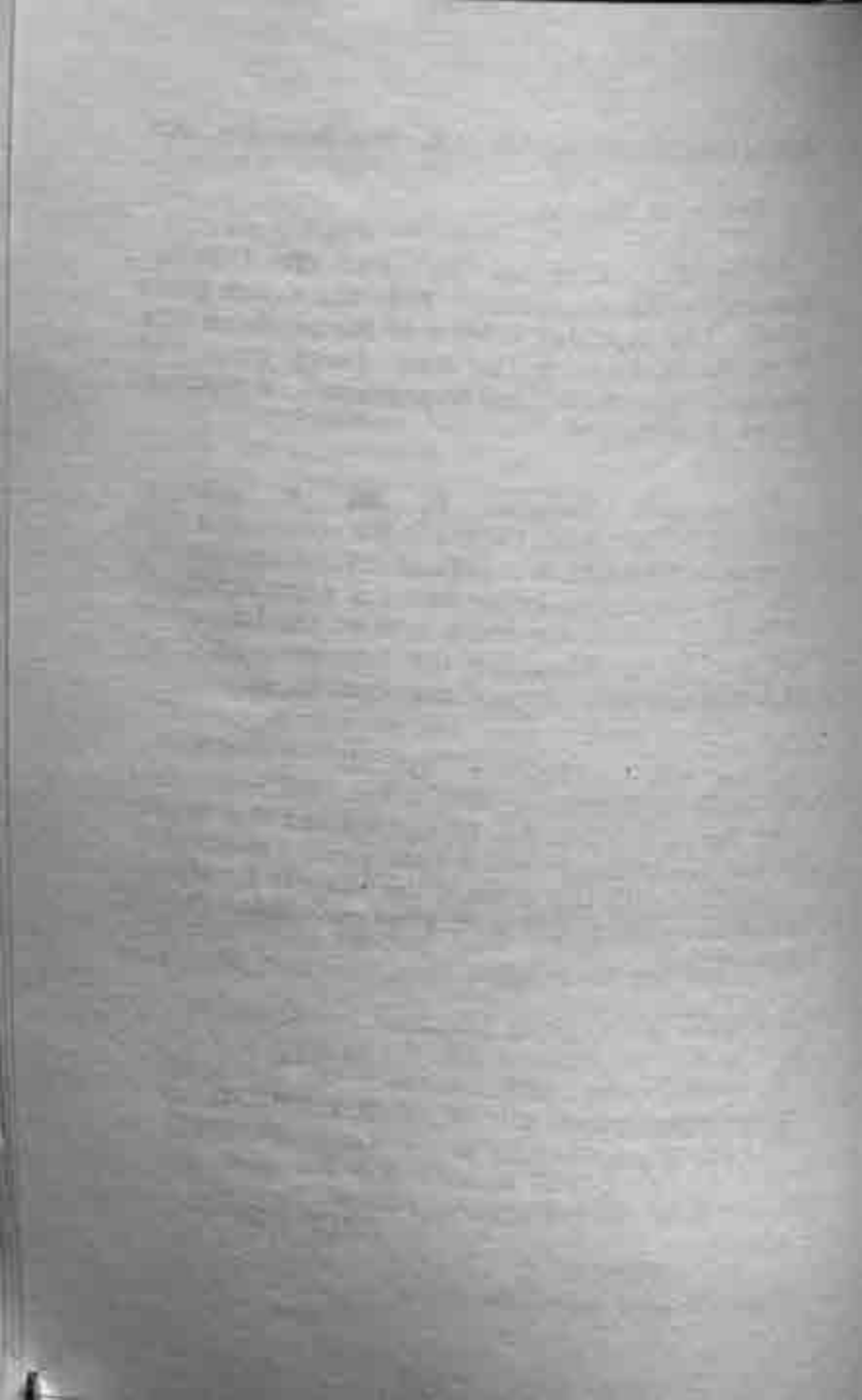
Paragraph 2. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Cahill: "We recommend that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of a sum of £63,500 from the Local Loans Fund to meet the balance of the cost of reconstructing the temporary buildings at Grangegorman. *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 3. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Nix: "We recommend that the plans submitted be adopted and that having regard to the delays which have already occurred in proceeding with this scheme, the Minister for Health be asked to approve of them at an early date." *Passed unanimously.*

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Acting Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.



Report No. 286

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of March, 1957. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor E. Timmons was appointed to take the Chair. The following members were also present: —

City of Dublin Representatives: Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, James Carroll, P.C., Bernard Conway, Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, William Chase, John Jones, Roland Rouleston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly, and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C. and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 283 of the 21st February, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 28th February, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	<i>Males Females Total</i>	
On Hospital Register at 31st		
January, 1957 ...	1,779	2,095 3,874
Admitted during month ...	67	62 129
	<hr/> 1,846	<hr/> 2,157 4,003

	<i>Males Females Total</i>	
Discharged		
during month 55	76	131
Died during		
month ... 13	20	33
Escaped do. 1	—	1 69
	<hr/> 1,777	<hr/> 2,061 3,838
Remaining on Hospital Register		
Absent on trial and escape	23	26 49
Remaining in residence ...	1,754	2,035 3,789

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman ...	800	1,182	1,982
In Portrane ...	954	853	1,807
Total number resident as above	<hr/> 1,754	<hr/> 2,035	<hr/> 3,789

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	...	...	2,870
County Dublin	...	...	522
County Wicklow	...	...	337
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	40
Non-district patients	...	...	20
Total	...	...	3,789

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor G. Hughes seconded the adoption of Report No. 284 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th February, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Councillor Mrs. Nix seconded the adoption of Report No. 285 of the meeting of the Special Building Committee held on the 28th February, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

Arising out of that report Mr. Thomas O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Bernard Conway seconded: —
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of a sum of £63,500 (Sixty three thousand five hundred pounds) to defray part of the cost of reconstructing the temporary buildings (formerly No. 2 Division) at Grange-

gorman; the said sum of £63,500 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half yearly instalments over a period of 30 years, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935." *Passed unanimously.*

The Manager was requested to examine the question of having this work carried out by direct labour.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

13th March, 1957.

1. We visited Grangegorman on Wednesday, March 13th. With Miss Sharkey, Matron, we inspected Nos. 14, 18 and 22 Divisions. In the course of our inspection we did not receive any complaints from patients. Throughout our visit we were impressed by the high standard of cleanliness and the general condition of the various wards. Many of the patients in these wards are old people and we saw evidence of the care and kindness with which they are looked after by the nursing staff.

2. In No. 22 Division we saw a number of patients busily engaged knitting under the supervision of Miss Breslin, Occupational Therapist. It being visiting day, some patients were receiving friends. We visited the Nurse's Home and its condition was in keeping

with the high standard of cleanliness elsewhere, reflecting credit on the Home Superintendent.

3. Later with Mr. Hannon we visited the New Treatment Unit and saw many patients in bed awaiting treatment. We were pleased to learn that many patients respond to the treatment given and are discharged cured. We went to the Visiting Hall and saw preparations being made for patients to receive visitors. In the Occupational Therapy Department we saw patients engaged in making rugs, fire screens and stools, and their work showed a very high standard. We were pleased to observe that the Pharmacy had been completed and it affords increased facilities for the Institution.

4. We noted with pleasure the newly decorated wards in No. 14 Division and we would like to see similar colour schemes used in other wards where re-decoration is necessary.

We wish to thank Miss Sharkey and Mr. Hannon for their help and courtesy.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

M. C. ENNIS.

THOMAS O'REILLY.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

12th March, 1957.

1. On Tuesday, March 12th, we went to Portrane and with Dr. Aird we first visited the new Men's and Women's Units. We were pleased to note how very well they are being kept. We did not receive any complaints from the patients. We were glad to learn that arrangements are being made to provide additional recreational facilities by way of a small billiard table and chess boards in the Men's Unit. The provision of these will be welcomed by the patients.

2. We visited No. 9 Division and saw dinner being served to the patients many of whom are working patients. We noted that the food which was being served from cooking tins on to plates had cooled before the patients received it. We are of the opinion that the provision of a hot plate here would improve the amenities considerably.

3. We later visited No. 8 Division (Male) and No's. 4 and 5 Divisions (Female). Many of the patients belonging to Divisions 4 and 5 were enjoying the Spring sunshine in the open air.

4. We would recommend that steps be taken to remove a quantity of rubble, the residue of the demolished houses at the rear of No. 8 Division and the demolition of the unsightly disused storehouse nearby. We also urge the resurfacing of the approach to the R.M.S.'s house. The existing surface of breeze is most unsuitable and should be replaced by macadam material. The approach to the new Children's Unit was surfaced in this way by the Trades staff and we understand that its cost was very reasonable.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird, Dr. Harte and the other members of the staff for their kind co-operation in the course of our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
WILLIAM LAWLESS.
LIAM GAYNOR.
WILLIAM CHASE.

Order. Referred to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees, for the ensuing period to 18th April, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons.

" D. Delaney.

Mr. John Cahill.

Mr. William Chase.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons.

" Mrs. M. Mulvey.

" Mrs. K. Nix.

Mr. R. Roulston.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

15th March, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 12th March, 3,813 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	820	1,192	2,012
In Portrane ...	940	861	1,801
	<hr/> 1,760	<hr/> 2,053	<hr/> 3,813

as compared with:—

12th March, 1956 ...	1,757	2,034	3,791
12th March, 1955 ...	1,741	2,038	3,779
12th March, 1954 ...	1,721	2,017	3,738
12th March, 1953 ...	1,640	2,010	3,650

this year's figure being 22 more than on the corresponding date in 1956 and 163 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

3. On the 10th January last I reported that male patient M.McL. (9849), aged 84 years, had fallen on the floor of No. 10 Division at Grangegorman and fractured the right femur. I regret to state that the patient died on the 21st February. The Coroner was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary. The cause of death was certified as cardio-respiratory failure, auricular fibrillation, arterio-sclerosis and fractured femur.

When getting up the patients in No. 2 female division at Portrane on 24th February the nurse on duty found that she could not rouse patient A.C. (39862), aged 56 years. A medical officer was summoned and found that the patient was dead and appeared to have died a short time before. The patient had a history of chronic heart disease extending over some years for which she had been treated periodically in the Infirmary. The Coroner was notified and did not deem an inquest necessary.

Male patient M.D. (11143), aged 75 years had a seizure in the dining hall at Grangegorman on 18th February, and fell sustaining a fractured hip. The following day he developed a left hemiplegia; his condition deteriorated and he died that evening. A post mortem was carried out on the instruction of the Coroner and an inquest was held on the 12th March. The Jury brought in a verdict that the patient died from cardiac failure, probably due to hypertension and accelerated by the fracture of the thigh bone which he sustained when he fell on the 18th February. The Jury recorded the opinion that the occurrence was accidental and they attached no blame to the nursing staff.

On the 10th January I reported that female patient M.K. (9698), aged 61 years, had slipped and fallen in Grangegorman on the 25th December and sustained a fracture of the right hip. The patient was suffering from heart disease and pulmonary congestion and she died on the 7th February. An inquest was held on the 20th February and the Jury brought in a verdict that the patient had died from broncho pneumonia and heart failure accelerated by the injury to her leg which she sustained when she fell on the 25th

December. They recorded the opinion that the occurrence was accidental and that no blame attached to the nursing staff.

On the 21st February I reported that female patient B.M. (43309) aged 77 years fractured her right femur in a fall while getting out of bed in Portrane. The patient was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment but her condition deteriorated and she died on the 16th February. An inquest was held on the 20th February at which the Jury brought in a verdict that the patient died from congestion of the lungs and heart failure accelerated by a fracture of the right thigh bone which she sustained in the fall on the 18th January. The Jury recorded their opinion that the occurrence was accidental and that no blame attached to the nursing staff.

4. On the 16th February male patient F.V. (10491), a liberty patient, in Portrane, did not return to supper. He was later located by the Gardai at his home and brought back to Grangegorman at approximately 10 p.m. the same day. When he was leaving the institution that patient took a bicycle belonging to one of the farm staff but it was recovered in good condition and returned to the owner.

5. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.* Female patient A.B. (40610) was found on the 25th February to have a severe injury to the right index finger. The patient said it was due to an accident which occurred on the 23rd ultimo when her hand was caught in a door by another patient. The accident was not witnessed by any member of the staff. It has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

Female patient M.D. (11237) was admitted on the 10th February from an outside hospital with throat and wrist wounds from which she had lost a lot of blood. The wounds had been treated before admission and the patient's condition to date is satisfactory.

6. *Accidents to Patients, Portrane.* On the 10th February male patient A.M. (9157), aged 88 years, was pushed by another patient in the dormitory of No. 9 division and fell to the floor. He complained of pains in the leg and an examination showed evidence of an impacted fracture of the neck of the left femur. The Portrane Medical Superintendent is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this incident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.* N.D. domestic, scalded her hand when working at a cooker in the Nurses' Home and has been off duty since the 2nd March.

Nurse B.S. has been off duty since 5th March with faeial abrasions caused by a blow from a patient.

Nurse C.H. scalded her left leg when filling a hot water bottle on the 19th February and has been off duty since the 24th February.

Attendant P.M. accidentally spilled a can of tea over her arm on the 28th February and she has been off duty since that date.

Nurse W.H. was struck on the face by a patient and was off duty on the 10th and 11th February.

Attendant N.C. was struck on the nose by a patient

and was off duty from the 23rd to the 27th February.

K.T. domestic, was off duty from the 1st to the 4th March with a scalded foot.

A number of other accidents to members of the Grangegorman staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.* Nurse T.C. fractured the bone of the right thumb while playing hurling with the hospital team on the 17th February and has been off duty since that date.

Attendant L.M. also injured his left hand while playing hurling and was off duty from the 18th to the 20th February.

Attendant E.M. was off duty from the 6th to the 20th February with an injury to her left arm caused by a fall in No. 7 division.

Temporary Attendant J.B. was off duty from the 5th to the 24th February with a lacerated leg which she sustained when she was blown against some barbed wire on the night of the 4th February.

Nurse J.C. was incapacitated from the 18th to the 25th February with an injury to the finger of her left hand which was twisted by a patient.

Temporary Attendant E.L. was off duty from the 22nd to the 26th February with an injury to her right foot caused by a table falling on it.

On 18th February T.R. temporary fitter sustained a severe injury to the index finger of his left hand when

removing a disused hydro extractor from the laundry. He was removed to a city hospital where the top joint of the finger was amputated.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 11th January by Councillors Colman, Mulvey, Byrne and Hughes, I have to report:—

Paragraph 3. The Clerk of Works does not recommend the washing down of the walls of St Clare's Ward as suggested by the Visiting Members. He considers that it would be cheaper and better to apply one coat of paint.

Paragraph 4. The attention of the staff in the male kitchen has been drawn to the necessity for maintaining a high standard of cleanliness.

The loose tiles on the floor of the dining hall are being replaced.

10. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 15th January by Councillors Colman, Nix, Lawless and Morris, I have to report:—

Paragraph 4. I have asked the Chief R.M.S. to report on the question of providing the surgery in No. 14. Division.

11. The sum of £3,500 provided in the current year's Estimates for painting at Grangegorman was fully

expended on the 20th February. At the request of the Painters' Union and as the Clerk of Works advised that there was further painting work which could be usefully done this year, I agreed to continue the employment of the temporary painting staff until the 9th March on the understanding that the additional cost which amounted to £500 would be deducted from the sum of £3,750 provided for painting work at Grangegorman in respect of the coming financial year 1957/58. I would ask the Board to approve of the expenditure of the additional £500 in the current year, on this understanding.

12. A sum of £950 was provided in the Estimates for the current year for the extension of the cold room for the storage of meat at Portrane. The commencement of the work was deferred in view of the request for a reduction of expenditure during the period ended 31st December, 1956, but I have now authorised the Chief Engineer to put it in hands.

13. The current year's Estimates also include a sum of £1,600 for the provision of a central radio receiving station and sound distribution system at Portrane, and the work was also deferred for the reason mentioned in the preceding paragraph. It will not now be possible to obtain the necessary equipment before the end of the current financial year and I would ask the Board to authorise the expenditure of £1,600 for this purpose in the coming financial year 1957/58.

14. The change over of the electricity supply at Portrane to the National mains has been completed and on the 21st February the local generating plant was closed down. The Chief Engineer reports that

the plant had given entire satisfaction for a period of approximately 60 years.

15. Tenders for coal were invited recently by public advertisement and on the recommendation of the Clerk of Works and the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the following, being the lowest tender in each case:—

P. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd. for 100 tons Welsh Steam Coal for Grangegorman at £9 2s. per ton.

P. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd. for 6 tons of Welsh Anthracite beans for Grangegorman at £11 15s. 4d. per ton.

Tedcastle McCormick & Co. for 30 tons of Washed Singles for Portrane at £9 10s. 6d. per ton.

P. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd. for 10 tons of Ballingarry Anthracite Nuts for Portrane at £12 3s. per ton.

16. Tenders were invited also by advertisement for an agricultural tractor required for the gardens at Portrane and on the recommendation of the Head Gardener I have accepted, as being the most suitable for his requirements, the tender of T. Lenehan & Sons, Ltd. for an International B250, 30 H.P. Diesel Tractor, with accessories, at a price of £724 15s. 0d. Messrs. Lenehan are allowing a sum of £150 for an old Ford 8 NAN tractor which is being traded in.

T. O'BROIN,
Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD,

17. Since 17th ultimo 80 male and 58 female patients were admitted, total 138. One hundred and thirty five of these were chargeable, of whom 76 were temporary, 47 were voluntary and 12 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There was also admitted one private voluntary patient, one by Order of the High Court and one patient from Castlebar Mental Hospital for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

18. The following are particulars of tenders for General Supplies accepted for the period of six months ending 30th September, 1957:—

	Price
DUBLIN MEAT SUPPLIES LTD.	April, 1956.
Prime Beef @ £10 0s. 8d. cwt. d/d	
Grangegorman	£9 13s. 8d. cwt.
£10 3s. 0d. cwt. d/d	
Portrane	£9 13s. 8d. cwt.
Mutton @ £9 11s. 4d. cwt. d/d	
Grangegorman	£9 6s. 8d. cwt.
£9 16s. 0d. cwt. d/d	
Portrane	—
Sheep Liver @ 3/- lb. d/d Grange-	
gorman and Portrane	3s. 0d. lb.
Mutton Cutlets @ 3/6 lb. d/d	
Grangegorman and	
Portrane	3s. 6d. lb.

PATRICK MURPHY

Creamery Butter @ £19 15s. 2d. cwt.
d/d Grangegorman £19 15s. 2d. cwt.

JOHN CLARKE & SONS LTD.

Creamery Butter @ £19 16s. 6d. cwt.
d/d Portrane £19 16s. 6d. cwt.
both less 5/- each for
empty boxes returned.

M. FITZGIBBON & SONS, Limerick.

Selected Hen Eggs (Fresh) @ £1 6s. 3d.
per 120 d/d Grange-
gorman £1 12s. 0d.
and Amiens Street
Station £1 12s. 0d.

M. & P. HANLON LTD.

Hake or Haddock @ 1s. 3d. lb. d/d	
Grangegorman	1s. 4d. lb.
1s. 4d. lb. d/d Portrane	1s. 5d. lb.
Cod @ 1s. 9d. lb. d/d	
Grangegorman	1s. 11d. lb.
Portrane	2s. 0d. lb.
Whiting @ 11½d. lb. d/d	
Grangegorman	11½d. lb.
11½d. lb. d/d Portrane	1s. 0d. lb.

PATRICK KELLY

Chickens @ 2s. 6d. lb. d/d	
Grangegorman	2s. 11d. lb.
2s. 8d. lb. d/d Portrane	3s. 0d. lb.

DROGHEDA OATMEAL MILLING CO. LTD.

Flake Oatmeal @ £57 per ton d/d

Grangegorman and	£57 10s 0d. ton
Portrane	£57 10s. 0d. ton

HILL & SONS LTD.

Woollen Yarns @ 7s. 10d. lb. d/d

Grangegorman and	7s. 6d. lb.
Amiens St. Station	

Finishing Tweed @ 1s. 0d. yd. d/d

Grangegorman and	1s. 0d. yd.
Amiens St. Station	

19. The approval of the Minister for Health has been obtained to the Architect's sketch plans for the new staff dininghall at Grangegorman (which were approved by the Special Building Committee on 28th ultimo) subject to the provision of W.C. accommodation for the male staff. This can be provided easily and at little extra cost by utilizing an existing lavatory at the rear of the Clerk of Works' new office.

In view of the urgent need for a new dininghall I propose to put the work in hands immediately without waiting for completion of the remaining necessary formalities.

20. Further to Paragraph 19 of my report to the meeting of the Board held on 16th August last, I have now received the Minister's approval to acceptance of the tender of Messrs. H. A. O'Neill Ltd. in the sum of £590 for the replacement of the steam pipe work in the Female Boilerhouse at Grangegorman.

A sum of £450 was provided in the current year's estimates for this work but it will not now be possible to complete it within the year. To meet the cost of the contract work and the consultants' fees I would ask the Board to authorise the expenditure of a sum of £650 in the coming financial year 1957/58. The sum provided in the current year's estimates will not be spent and will go to meet the greater part of the cost.

21. Following prolonged discussion with the Irish Local Government Officials' Union Mr. John P. Keane submitted to the Department of Health in March, 1955, proposals for adjusting the salaries of certain of the Senior Clerical and Stores Officers and in August, 1955, I was informed that the Minister was not prepared to approve these adjustment.

The Storekeeper at Portrane, who was one of the officers concerned, has drawn attention recently to the fact that his current approved salary is less than that authorized by the Minister in July, 1954, for Storekeepers in Provincial Mental Hospitals with a patient population of 1,500 or more, viz.:

STOREKEEPER, Portrane.

Scale Salary.	Gross Pay.
£490 x £20—£635.	£688 18s. 1d. to £889 13s. 2d.

PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS (1500 patients or more)

Scale Salary.	Gross Pay.
£540 x £24—£780.	£633 10s. 6d. to £910 8s. 6d.

The figures shown for gross pay represent the scale salary plus temporary bonus. Subject to the consent of the Board and the approval of the Minister, I propose to apply the Provincial Scale to the Storekeeper at Portrane and to increase his salary to £910 8s. 6d. per annum, with effect from 1st April, 1956.

T. O BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 11: Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Mr. J. Smithers, "That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1956/57 for painting work at Grangegorman.

Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 13: Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Mr. John Smithers: "That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £1,600 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58 on the installation of a Central Radio Receiving Station and Sound Distribution System at Portrane. Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 19: Noted.

Paragraph 20: Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Nix, "That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £650 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58, on the replacement of the steam pipe work in the female Boilerhouse at Grangegorman."

Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 21: Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, second by Councillor Mrs. Nix, "That the Board consents to the increased remuneration proposed by the Manager for the Storekeeper at Portrane." *Passed unanimously.*

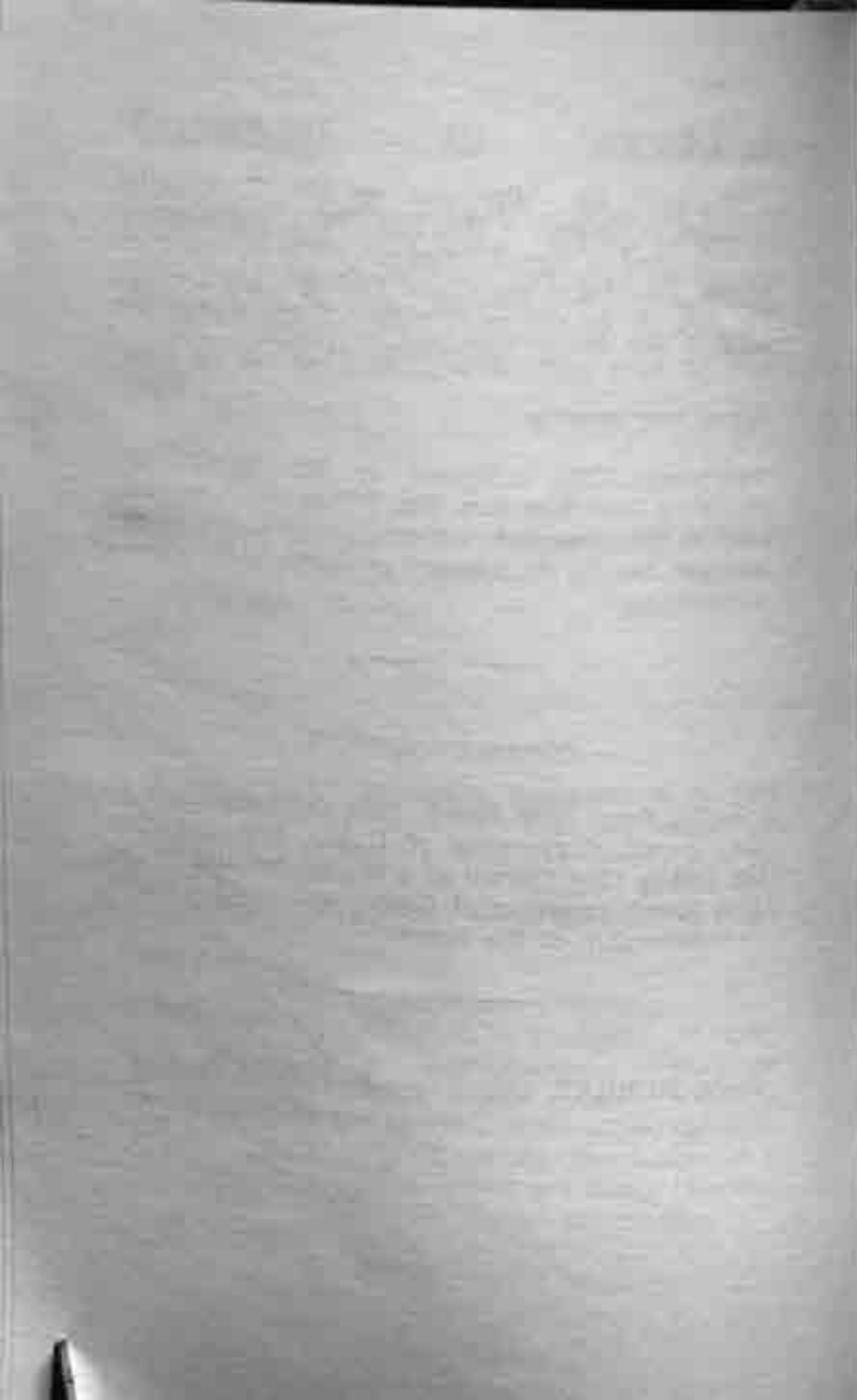
CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 13th March, 1957, from the Clerk to the Council, Corporation of Dublin, reporting that the Dublin City Council at a special meeting on the 11th March re-appointed Councillor Ronald Burgess to membership of the Board.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Acting Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.



Report No. 287.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of March, 1957. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor E. Timmons took the Chair. Also present:—Councillors Miss M. C. Ennis, G. Hughes, W. Lawless, Messrs. W. Chase, A. Lalor, T. O'Reilly and J. Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

28th March, 1957.

1. Since my last report of the 28th ultimo, slight deficiencies amounting to approximately 30 gallons of milk per day occurred up to the 13th instant, when full supplies became available; this shortage was met by the purchase of pasteurized milk for Grangegorman. No milk has been purchased since that date. At present Grangegorman is receiving 276 gallons and Portrane from 261 to 266 daily.

The present daily average yield from 262 milking cows is 2.13 gallons. The following table gives analysis of the present daily production compared with last month:—

	<i>This month</i>	<i>Last month</i>
Over 5 gallons	4	1
4—5	26	19
3—4	48	42
2—3	62	70
1—2	77	64
Under 1 gallon	45	51
Total	262	247

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases (b) sales of livestock during the month of February:—

	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Average per Beast</i>
(a) 41 sheep	£460 2 0	£11 4 5

(b) 20 calves were sold at the following prices:—

2 @ £4.0.0, 1 @ £5.0.0, 1 @ £5.10.0, 2 @ £5.15.0, 3 @ £6.0.0, 2 @ £6.10.0, 2 @ £8.10.0, 5 @ £9.0.0, 1 @ £12.10.0 and 1 @ £14.0.0; total £149.10.0.

2 bonhams were sold at £5.10.0 each. 2 brood sows were sold at £45 each. 22 store pigs were sold at the following prices:— 17 @ £7.10.0 and 5 @ £8.14.0 each; total £161.0.0. 66 store pigs were transferred to Grangegormian at the following prices:—30 @ £8.0.0 and 36 @ £7.0.0 each; total £492.0.0.

3. *Mastitis*: The position with regard to mastitis continues to be satisfactory on all farms. A total of 8 cases of clinical mastitis occurred, 4 at Portrane,

2 at Ballymastone and 2 at Turvey. All responded to the usual treatment.

4. *Grass:* There is good growth of grass on all farms and ample supplies are available. Cows were put out on the pastures at Turvey on the 7th inst., at Portrane on the 11th and at Ballymastone on the 13th. The cows at Turvey were out night and day from the 22nd instant. The fields grazed to date are cutting up very badly owing to the wet condition of the soil. The recent rains have water-logged most of the young pastures and water is lying in the lower portions of some of the fields. Were it not for this fact, sufficient grass would be available to have all the milch cows out night and day. Manuring of the pastures continues; all of the drier fields on all farms have now received a basic dressing of artificials.

Supplies of silage will be available at Turvey to the end of the month. The pit at Ballymastone was finished on the 8th instant, but there is still a quantity of silage available in the Portrane pit.

5. *Crops:* Owing to the continued wet condition of the soil, it was not possible to get any further Winter wheat sown. Only 10 acres of ley ground at Portrane farm have been tilled and sown with Barley. The ground is still too wet for any further tilling for sowing the potato and grain crops. Present indications are that the sowing of all Spring crops will be very late, due to the present unworkable condition of soil.

6. *Potatoes:* The sorting of the potato crop has now been completed. The average yield from 97 acres was slightly over 8 tons to the acre, which is about

the same as last year. A certain amount of loss occurred in the crop over the season; approximately 4 acres of early potatoes were lost in the swamp fields, while some loss also occurred on the wet ground at Turvey farm. Taking this into consideration, the average yield can be considered fair.

7. *Crops and Tillage:* 14 acres of ley ground were ploughed for corn crops during the month, leaving 22 acres of ground still to be ploughed for the grain crop. 34 acres of ley ground were ploughed and manured in preparation for the sowing of the potato crop, leaving a balance of 14 acres still to be ploughed and manured for this crop.

8. *Santry Court:* At present there are 119 head of cattle at Santry Court, of which 79 are housed at night. All stock continue to be foddered twice daily with hay, with the exception of 23 calves and the bull which are getting one feed of silage per day. The pastures on this farm are also very wet and a lot of poaching has occurred where the cattle have been running and are being foddered. 45 acres of grass land have received a basic dressing of artificials and are being closed off in preparation for grazing. This ground should be ready for grazing by the 1st April, when the cattle will be removed from the remainder of the grassland, on which artificials will then be applied.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 38 calves, 63 yearling heifers, 17 two-year-old heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,
Agricultural Manager.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, PORTRANE.

28th March, 1957.

1. *Crops*: The area under crops is as follows:—
3½ acres broccoli, 13 acres Spring cabbage, 2 acres scallions and 1 rood of leeks. The broccoli and leeks are being used at the moment and the cabbage and scallions should be fit for use in about 2 to 3 weeks time. In the meantime swede turnips and dried peas are being purchased to supplement our own supply.

2. *Tillage and Sowings*:—Owing to the wet condition of the land very little Spring work is being carried out. The following table is a comparison of progress of work for the corresponding period of last year and the present period:—

Sown	Onions	Parsnips	Seed beds	Cabbage planted	Tillage
28/3/56	4 acres	4 acres	1 acre	2 acres	10 acres
28/3/57	—	—	—	1 acre	2 acres

3. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds*: Small sowings were made of peas, beans, carrots, lettuce and turnips, preparing and planting tomato house, first spraying of fruit trees, sowing flowering annuals, hoeing and weeding flower beds on hospital grounds and applying fertilizer to bowling greens and sports grounds.

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4. Two acres have been ploughed and tilled in preparation for crops. Small sowings of lettuce, peas, leeks and parsley have been made during the past

month; Levelling new recreation grounds around St. Patrick's Ward and general upkeep of all sports and recreation grounds.

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5. Work carried out in this unit consisted of pruning and spraying fruit trees, preparing and planting tomato houses, cleaning flower borders and taking chrysanthemum cuttings.

ANDREW WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND GARDENS.

26th March, 1957.

1. The undersigned visited the Farms and Gardens on 26th March. At Santry Court we inspected 118 heifers and one bull, all looking in good condition. We were very pleased to be informed by Mr. Hayes that a recent T.T. test of 119 animals showed only five were doubtful and none positive.

We observed that part of the unused buildings have not been stripped of slates and roofing and we recommend that this work should be executed immediately.

Following a complaint from one of the Board members regarding flooding of two cottages and broken man-holes, we discussed the position with Mr. Hayes and the yardman at Santry. We were informed that no complaints were received from any tenants on the lands and that the Farm Manager or staff were not aware of any flooding. The yardman explained the difficulty of maintaining the covers on the manholes, as they are continually being broken. We have advised the filling up of all unused manholes.

We would like to draw attention to the necessity for felling most of the timber at Santry and reclaiming a very large area that would improve our farm output considerably.

2. At Turvey we inspected 58 yearling heifers, all in splendid condition. We were shown 50 tons of table potatoes that had been treated with "Fusarex" and we noted with satisfaction that these potatoes had no growth whatever.

We noted that the lodge area is being reduced and it should now be much easier for our front lodge to be maintained in keeping with the rest of the farm at Turvey.

3. Ballymastone yard was clean and tidy. We inspected 59 calves, ranging in age from one week to six months and we noted a very big improvement in our young stock.

4. At both Turvey and Ballymastone we noted many fields waterlogged and we realise how difficult it will be for our Farm staff to cope with the tillage programme.

5. At Portrane we inspected the new potato shed and noted the new seed, viz.: Kerr's Pink. We consider it advisable to have more houses for the potato crops and we have asked Mr. Hayes to submit a report re same. The young pigs show vast improvement on our last visit and the cows are doing very well. We were glad to learn that the calved heifers are milking much better than previously and it would appear as if our policy is beginning to show results. We were pleased with the appearance of a recently purchased horse and consider the price reasonable.

6. In the Gardens the staff were sowing early peas. Here too, recent rains have retarded progress and we may expect a late season.

The reclaimed area looks very well and is a credit to our Head Gardener. We inspected 13 acres of Spring cabbage and were glad to see some of it will soon be ready for use.

We noted the sowing of artificial manure on the Sports Grounds and appreciate the care and attention they receive.

On a recent inspection we noted that the new recreation grounds had received a dressing of manure and we observed a wonderful improvement in the grass on this visit, but we recommend immediate cutting. We are aware of the big increase in the work of keeping the grounds and we recommend that a temporary labourer be employed immediately.

7. We were very sorry to learn of the illness of the patient T.M. and we realise only too well the loss this

fully qualified gardener will be to our institution.

8. The over all picture of our Farms and Gardens reflects credit on all concerned and it is up to the Board to show it's appreciation to the principal officers and men who are giving us such a splendid return.

We thank the Farm Manager and Head Gardener for their help during our tour.

E. TIMMONS.

M. C. ENNIS.

J. SMITHERS.

W. LAWLESS.

Order: Refer to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 25th April, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons.

Mr. W. Chase.

Mr. A. Lalor.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 288.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of April, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C., Chairman, in the Chair. The following members were also present: —

City of Dublin Representatives: —Councillors Patrick J. Birmingham, Mrs. C. Byrne, Bernard Conway, Gilbert Hughes, D. Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. J. Cahill, William Chase, Anthony Lalor, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: —Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: —Councillors W. Lawless, P. McCarthy and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 286 of the 21st March, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st March, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
On Hospital Register at 28th February, 1957	1,777	2,061	3,838
Admitted during month	78	60	138
	<hr/> 1,855	<hr/> 2,121	<hr/> 3,976

Males Females Total

Discharged during month	53	58	111			
Died during month	...	13	16	29		
Escaped do.	1	—	1	67	74	141
Remaining on Hospital Register		1,788	2,047	3,835		
Absent on trial and escape		34	22	56		
Remaining in residence	...	1,754	2,025	3,779		

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman	...	795	1,178	1,973
In Portrane	...	959	847	1,806
Total number resident as above		<hr/> 1,754	<hr/> 2,025	<hr/> 3,779

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	...	...	2,851
County Dublin	526
County Wicklow	343
Criminal Lunatics	39
Non-district patients	20
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Total	3,779
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Mr. John Smithers proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 287 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th March, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN

4th April, 1957.

1. We visited Grangegorman on Thursday, April 4th, and first went to the Male House. We found that preparations were being made to provide dinner for 825 patients and the meal being cooked consisted of beef, potatoes and vegetables as well as special dishes for hospital cases. On enquiry we were informed that the table in use here is now fifty years old and by its condition we think it should be replaced. Passing the staff recreation room we noticed that it is in need of redecoration and some of the furniture is in need of repair. The Billiard Table also needs re-cover-

ing. We recommend that these matters be attended to as soon as possible.

2. We were shown over the new Pharmacy and we were impressed by its design and layout. The work which was carried out by Direct Labour is a credit to Mr. Rogers and his staff. A vital necessity in the Pharmacy is a continuous supply of hot water and we were given to understand that the type of Geyser installed is not satisfactory as it takes too long to heat the water. We suggest that this should be examined with a view to providing an improved service. We were surprised to learn that the Pharmacist has no trained assistant as from experience other large Institutions are staffed with an Assistant to the Pharmacist. We think that this matter should be examined.

3. We went to the Occupational Therapy Hall but none of the patients were present as they had gone to dinner. We were pleased to learn that 60 patients are now being accommodated, all performing very useful tasks. The provision of a toilet adjacent to the Hall should be considered as it would prevent patients on Visiting days having to go a considerable distance outside. We would suggest that consideration be given to the provision of some device to control the heating when temperatures alternate as at times the hall becomes overheated. Consideration should also be given to providing more space for this important aspect of mental treatment as the Hall is congested and there is not sufficient space for the proper storage of materials, etc.

4. We noticed a quantity of scrap materials lying adjacent to the Upholstery Department which could be disposed of.

5. We also observed an incomplete building designed, we believe, as a shed for the repair of beds. We would like a report about this as it is just an eyesore.

6. We saw the new Division, No. 10, where patients are undergoing treatment. Most of them were out at the time of our visit and we were pleased to learn that many of them are on the road to recovery with the aid of the treatment provided.

7. We also visited some of the Female Divisions where we found a number of the wards newly decorated. The contemporary style of painting and papering improves the appearance to a very large degree. The Dinner served was ample and all seemed to have enjoyed it. There was a noticable change in the demeanour of patients in contrast to other visits due no doubt to the advance made in the medical treatment.

We wish to thank Miss Sharkey, Matron, Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Hannon for their kindness and courtesy shown us in the course of our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

JOHN CAHILL.

WILLIAM CHASE.

DENIS DELANEY.

Order: Refer to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

10th April, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane on Wednesday, April 10th. We first went to the Dining Hall where over 300 male patients were partaking of a substantial dinner. We then went to No. 6 and 7 Male Hospital where many old patients are cared for. We noticed that the potatoes served to patients were not peeled and on enquiry we were informed that the potato peeler was not in use due to some defect. As some of the patients are unable to eat without assistance it is important that their potatoes should be peeled and such a contingency should be provided for by having another peeler as a stand-by. We went to No. 6 and 7 Female Hospital and found everything in order and the patients appeared to be well cared for. Some of the bed rails in these wards need repainting and this work should be put in hands as soon as possible.

2. We returned to the Dining Hall where female patients were having dinner and we were impressed by the way in which the meal was served by the Nursing Staff. We were shown the Nurses' Home and noticed a disused staircase which has not been in service for some considerable time as it is considered unsafe. We would recommend that action be taken to repair the staircase as considerable inconvenience is being caused to the members of the staff. The provision of a lift here should also be considered as it would greatly facilitate the delivery of linen, etc., to the Nurses' rooms.

3. We saw the new Children's Unit and regretted to note that the front of the Aquarium tank has been

slightly damaged. Some steps will have to be taken to prevent damage when it is in use. We would like to know if the tropical fish intended for the tank have been ordered and when are they expected to arrive.

4. We went to No. 10 Division nearby and noted with appreciation the marked improvement in the scheme of decoration which is being carried out here. The new heating installation adds considerably to the comfort of the patients, most of whom are bed-ridden, and the convenience of the Nursing staff who look after them.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird, Dr. Harte, and Mr. Beegan for their kind co-operation during our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

MARY MULVEY.

KATHLEEN NIX.

R. T. ROULSTON.

Order: Refer to Managr.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 16th May, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board.

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor	W. J. Colman (Chairman).
"	Mrs. M. Ledwidge.
"	Miss M. C. Ennis.
"	G. Hughes.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor	W. J. Colman (Chairman).
"	Mrs. C. Byrne.
"	W. Lawless.
Mr. T. O'Reilly.	

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

12th April, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on the 9th instant 3,793 patients, viz:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	797	1,190	1,987
In Portrane ...	950	856	1,806
	<hr/> 1,747	<hr/> 2,046	<hr/> 3,793

as compared with:—

9th April, 1956 ...	1,740	2,056	3,796
9th April, 1955 ...	1,731	2,041	3,772
9th April, 1954 ...	1,732	2,008	3,740
9th April, 1953 ...	1,656	2,028	3,684

this year's number being 3 less than on the corresponding date last year and 109 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2 The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were a number of cases of influenza, mostly of a fairly mild type among the patients in Portrane during the past month.

3. On the 18th March male patient P.S. (11139), aged 74 years, collapsed suddenly in No. 10 Division at Grangegorman. He was attended to by a medical officer but did not recover. The Coroner was notified and did not deem an inquest necessary. Death was due to Coronary Thrombosis.

On the 15th February last I reported that female patient N.O'D (3012), aged 64 years, had fallen on the dormitory floor in Portrane and sustained a fracture of the neck of the left femur. She was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment on the 15th January but I regret to say that she died on the 23rd March. The Coroner was notified and an inquest may be held later.

On the 25th March male patient T.K. (40854), aged 59 years, developed symptoms of a heart attack in No. 1 Division at Portrane and died almost immediately. The Coroner was notified and did not deem an inquest necessary. The patient had a history of myocarditis.

4. On the 26th March female patient N.O'C. (11434), a voluntary patient at Grangegorman, left the hospital grounds after Mass but returned within an hour.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with her escape.

On the 24th March male patient P.L.K. (10924) failed to return to Grangegorman off pass.

On the 15th March male patient P.B. (10433), a liberty patient at Grangegorman, was allowed out on pass and failed to return.

On the 31st March male patient J.D. (11439), a liberty patient, escaped off the grounds at Grangegorman.

These escapes have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.*—On the 26th March male patients K.K. (167) and H.P. (42047) engaged in a struggle; the former fell to the floor and received a kick on the nose from the latter. An X-ray examination showed a fracture without displacement involving the nasal bones.

Female patient M.McC (9035) accidentally fell in the dayroom of No. 14 Division on the 24th March and an X-ray examination showed a fracture in the neck of the right femur. The patient is progressing satisfactorily.

Female patient B.McD (11288) on the 1st instant informed a nurse that she had swallowed a sewing needle and an X-ray examination showed that this was the case. The patient is in No. 22 Hospital under observation.

The Chief R.M.S. is satisfied that there was no negligence on the part of any member of the staff

in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. *Accidents to Patients, Portrane.*—On the 22nd February male patient J.F. (39145) slipped in the wash-house in No. 9 Division. An X-ray examination on the 25th February showed no fracture but a later examination disclosed a crack fracture of the neck of the right femur.

On the 1st March female patient I.L. (1089), aged 52 years, slipped and fell sustaining multiple fractures to the bones of the left leg and foot.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.*—Attendant M.C. was off duty from the 14th to the 23rd March with a scalded arm sustained when lifting the lid off the boiler in No. 24 Division Kitchen.

A number of other accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Attendant M.M. O'B. has been off duty since 28th March with an injury to her finger sustained when she cut it with a broken bowl.

Temporary Nurse M.L. was off duty from the 12th to the 14th March with an injury to her back sustained when lifting a patient.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. With reference to the Inspection at Portrane carried out by Councillors Timmons and Lawless and Messrs. Gaynor and Chase on the 12th March, I have to report.

Item 2. Tenders have already been invited for the supply of four hot plates (including one for No. 9 Division) and on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the tender of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £492, being the lowest of ten tenders received.

Item 4. I have authorised the Chief Engineer to demolish the unused coach-houses at the rear of No. 8 Division and to remove all the rubble at a cost of approximately £80; also to lay tarmacadam around the R.M.S.'s residence at a cost of £40.

10. I have accepted further tenders for General Supplies required during the period ending 30th September, 1957, as follows:—

Prices April, 1956

G. MADDEN, Finglas.

Pork Sausages @ 2/2 per lb.

d/d G'Gorman

2/2 per lb. (G'Gorman)

@ 2/2½ per lb. d/d

Portrane

2/2½ per lb. (Portrane)

Prices April, 1956

McGRATH BROS., Bachelor's Walk.

Sugar @ £2 19s. per cwt. d/d
G'Gorman and Portrane.

ALEX. FINDLATER & Co. LTD.

Raisins, seedless @ £9 3s. 6d.
per cwt. d/d G'Gorman £6 1s. 4d. (G'Gorman
and Portrane £6 2s. 4d. Portrane)

Cornflour @ £3 10s. 0d. per
cwt. d/d G'Gorman £2 9s. 0d. (G'Gorman
and Portrane and Portrane)

Bread Soda @ 17/- per cwt.
d/d G'Gorman and 18/- (G'Gorman)
Portrane 18/2 (Portrane)

Mustard @ £1 10s. 9d. per 9
lbs. (G'Gorman and £1 11s. 4d. (G'Gorman
Portrane) and Portrane)

Pepper Black @ 4/5 per lb. d/d
G'Gorman and Portrane

Pepper, white @ 4/9 per lb.
d/d G'Gorman and 4/- lb. (G'Gorman)
Portrane 4/- lb. (Portrane)

Spice, mixed @ 2/6 per lb.
d/d G'Gorman and 2/- lb. (G'Gorman
Portrane and Portrane)

Baking Powder (Royal) @
3/1 per lb. d/d G'Gorman 3/1 lb. (G'Gorman
and Portrane and Portrane)

Prices April, 1956

Custard Powder (Chivers) @
 £4 10s. 6d. per cwt.
 d/d G'Gorman and
 Portrane

Vinegar, male @ 4/2 per gal.
 d/d G'Gorman and 4/6d. a gal. (G'Gorman
 Portrane and Portrane)

Green Peas @ £5 0s. 0d. per
 cwt. d/d G'Gorman £3 6s. cwt. (G'Gorman)
 and Portrane £3 8s. cwt. (Portrane)

G. MADDEN, Finglas.

Raisins, Sultanas @ £8 17s. per cwt.
 d/d G'Gorman
 @ £9 0s. per cwt. d/d
 Portrane

IRISH DIRECT TRADING Co. LTD.

Soda Water, ginger ale, etc.,
 @ 6/9 doz. (large) d/d 5/3d. doz. (G'Gorman
 G'Gorman and Portrane and Portrane)
 @ 3/9d. doz. (medium)
 d/d G'Gorman and 3/- doz. (G'Gorman
 Portrane and Portrane)
 @ 3/- doz. (small) d/d 2/3 doz. (G'Gorman
 G'Gorman and Portrane and Portrane)
 @ 16/- doz. (siphons)
 d/d G'Gorman and 12/- doz. (G'Gorman
 Portrane and Portrane)
 Lime Juice Cordial @ 28/- doz.
 (25 oz.) d/d G'Gorman and
 Portrane.

Prices April, 1956

P. J. NEA.

Jellies (Birds and Chivers) @ 7/1
 per doz. pint size d/d
 G'Gorman and Portrane

Jacob's Biscuits @ Makers' retail @ 23½% discount
 list price less 15% less 10% on retail prices
 d/d G'Gorman and (G'Gorman and
 Portrane Portrane)

DANIEL MURPHY LTD.

Pearl Barley @ £2 10s. 0d. cwt. d/d
 G'Gorman
 @ £2 10s. 6d. cwt. d/d Portrane

Browning (Goodall's) 25 oz.
 bottles @ £1 8s. 6d. £1 7s. 8½d. (G'Gorman
 doz. d/d G'Gorman and Portrane)
 @ £1 9s. 0d. doz. d/d Portrane

11. I have accepted also the following tenders for
 Nurses' Uniform Clothing required during the coming
 year: —

Price April, 1956

JOHN IRELAND & SON LTD.

Head Male Nurses' Uniform Caps £1 2s. 6d. each
 @ £1 2s. 6d. each

Deputy Head M.N. Uniform Caps 19s. 9d. each
 @ 19s. 9d. each

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D. KELLETT, LTD.

Nurses' Aprons, W. size	
@ 11s. 9d. each	11s. 3d. each
Nurses' Aprons, O.S. @ 13s. 3d. each	12s. 6d. each
Nurses' Uniform Dresses (4 sizes)	
@ 23s. 11d. each	23s. 11d. each

TODD BURNS & Co. LTD.

Head and Deputy Head Male Nurses'	
Uniforms @ 10 2s. 1d. each	£9 10s. 0d. each
Male Nurses' Uniforms	
@ £9 7s. each	£9 0s. 9d. each
Belts, Nurses' @ £2 4s. 6d. doz.	£2 3s. 6d. doz.
Cuffs, Nurses' @ £1 9s. 11d. doz.	£1 7s. 0d. doz. pairs.
pairs.	

J. LANGDON & SONS (IRELAND) LTD.

Collars, Nurses' @ £1 7s. 0d. doz.	£1 2s. 6d. doz.
less 5%	

ARNOTT & Co. LTD.

Shirts, Male Nurses' @ 16s. 0d. each.	14s. 3d. each
Ties, Male Nurses'	
@ £1 8s. 0d. dozen	£1 8s. 0d. dozen

12. On the 17th May last I reported that I had accepted an offer of £850 for a quantity of D.C. electric motors and switch gear, etc., which would be available on completion of the change over of the electricity supply at Portane to direct current. This old material has only recently become available on completion of the change over. In the meantime the market prices of scrap metal have changed and the firm which had offered to purchase the material was no longer prepared to pay £850 for it. The material was re-advertised and on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer I have accepted the offer of Messrs. J. E. Collins & Son for it in the sum of £650, being the higher of two offers received.

13. Tenders were recently invited for Kerr's Pink table potatoes required until the new crop in Portrane Farm comes in and I have accepted that of Mr. Thomas Lagrue, Corporation Fruit Market, at the price of 7/5d. per cwt., being the lowest of four tenders received.

14. Owing to the installation of electric cooking appliances in the General Kitchen at Portrane and of electric heating in the Female Nurses' Recreation Room, the Chief Engineer reports that it is necessary to install a larger supply cable to the General Kitchen Section of the institution. On his recommendation I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Gallagher Bros. Ltd., the contractors on the site for the installation of a new four core 19/08 cable, in the sum of £390. The cost of this work will be charged to the sum provided for contingencies in the Estimates for 1957/58.

15. The Board's Consulting Engineer, Mr. Eoin O'Cionnaith, has reported that it is necessary to install

a new automatic chlorinating unit on the water supply at Portrane and on his recommendation I have accepted the quotation of Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan for supplying and supervising the installation of a new plant at a cost of £315. The actual installation will be carried out by the Board's staff at a cost which is estimated not to exceed £12. The total cost will be charged to the sum provided for contingencies in the Estimates for 1957/58.

16. The Chief Engineer has carried out repairs to the roof of the Mattress Shop at Portrane, recently damaged by fire. A claim has been submitted to the Board's Fire Insurers for the amount involved, viz. £37 2s. 9d.

17. The sanction of the Minister for Local Government has been obtained to the borrowing of a sum of £8,000 from the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd. for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of constructing a New Staff Dining Hall at Grangegorman, as approved by the Board at its meeting on the 21st February last. The Minister has agreed to the proposal to utilise the unexpended balance of the loan of £7,500 (sanctioned for the overhaul and repair of the steam boilers at Portrane) to defray a further part of the cost of the New Dining Hall.

18. On 21st February last the Board approved a proposal to utilise the unexpended portion of a loan of £50,000 from the Local Loans Fund, to defray the cost of improvements to the Water Services on the Male Side at Grangegorman. It was intended, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government to obtain an advance of £5,500 out of the loan, to meet the cost of that part of the scheme which

had been approved by the Minister for Health.

As no provision had been made for this advance from the Local Loans Fund in the current financial year, I felt there might be difficulty in obtaining approval to it and I have been investigating the possibility of obtaining the requisite funds from another source. I am pleased to report that the Board's Treasurer, the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd. has agreed to advance a sum of £5,500 on Loans Account, repayable by equal half-yearly instalments, with interest, over a period of ten years. Interest would be payable at the rate charged by the Irish Banks from time to time for such loans, but not below 4 per cent. per annum. The current rate of Bank Interest is $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum which is one per cent. less than that charged at present for advances from the Local Loans Fund.

I now recommend, therefore, that the sum of £5,500 required for the improvement of the Water Service on the Male Side at Grangegorman be obtained from the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd. on the terms set out above, instead of from the Local Loans Fund as proposed in the resolution of 21st February last.

19. On 12th April last the Board consented to a proposal to grant a bonus of £320 to the part-time Pathologist at Grangegorman for additional duties which he had performed during the year 1955/56. When submitting that proposal I had anticipated that a whole-time Pathologist would have been appointed during the past year. This appointment has not yet been made and the position is that the part-time Pathologist was still required to attend virtually whole-time during the financial year 1956/57. In these circumstances, I propose to apply to the Minister for Health for approval to the payment to the Patho-

logist of additional remuneration of £320 in respect of the extended hours of duty worked during the year 1956/57 i.e. on the same basis as was approved for the year 1955/56. As this remuneration has not been approved generally the formal consent of the Board is required.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO
BOARD.

18th April, 1957.

20. Since 19th ultimo 58 male and 58 female patients were admitted total 116. 114 of these were chargeable, of whom 62 were temporary, 35 were voluntary and 17 were Persons of Unsound Mind. One patient was admitted by Order of the High Court and one patient under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, from Enniscorthy Mental Hospital for special treatment.

21. Tenders were invited recently for coal and, on the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the following for delivery to Grangegorman, being the lowest tender in each case for the particular grade of coal:—

P. Donnelly & Sons Ltd.

100 tons Welsh Steam Coal @ £8 17s. 0d. per ton.
80 tons American Coal @ £8 12s. 10d. per ton.

M. Doherty & Co. Ltd.

90 tons Scotch Coal @ £6 13s. 4d. per ton.

Tedcastle, McCormick & Co. Ltd.

80 tons English Coal @ £6 10s. 1d. per ton.

22. At the last meeting of the Board, the question was asked whether it was intended to carry out by direct labour, the reconstruction of the temporary buildings at Grangegorman formerly occupied by No. 2 Division.

On 16th March, 1955, the Board (on the recommendation of the Special Building Committee) approved in principle a proposal to reconstruct this building by direct labour. In recommending, on the advice of the Architect, the execution of the work by direct labour, the Manager had in mind the fact that the direct labour scheme for reconstructing No. 4 Division was nearing completion and he had hoped that it would be possible to transfer the labour force from one scheme to the other without interruption of employment. Since the date of the last Board meeting I have asked the Architect for his opinion as to whether, under present circumstances, the work should be done by direct labour or contract and I submit his report. In the circumstances, I propose to ask the Minister for his agreement to having the work carried out by direct labour.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 13. Referred to Agricultural Committee.

Paragraph 18. Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillors Mrs. Mary Mulvey: "That Paragraph 18 of the Manager's report dated 12th April, 1957, be approved and adopted and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a new loan of £5,500 (Five thousand, five hundred pounds) to defray the cost of improvements to the water services on the Male Side at Grangegorman Mental Hospital; the said sum of £5,500 to be borrowed from the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd. on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half yearly instalments over a period of ten years, with interest on outstanding balances at the rate charged by the Irish Banks from time to time for such loans, but not below 4 per cent. per annum." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 19. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councilor Anthony Lalor, "That the Board consents to the adjustment in the remuneration of the Pathologist for the year ended 31st March, 1957, as proposed by the Manager." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 22. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor D. Larkin:—"That the

Board approves of the proposal that the reconstruction of the temporary buildings at Grangegorman (formerly occupied by No. 2 Division) be carried out by direct labour." *Passed unanimously.*

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 289

Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 25th day of April, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C., Chairman in the Chair. Also present: Councillors Miss M. C. Ennis, G. Hughes, W. Lawless, E. Timmons, Messrs. W. Chase, A. Lalor, T. O'Reilly and J. Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

25th April, 1957.

1. Since my last report of the 28th ultimo, full supplies of milk have been available for both hospitals with a slight surplus which has been used to supplement the pig ration. It is hoped that full supplies will be available for the ensuing month. At present Grangegorman is receiving 288 gallons and Portrane 276 gallons daily. The present daily average yield from 254 milking cows is 2.19 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with last month:—

	<i>This month</i>	<i>Last month</i>
Over 5 gallons	1	4
4—5 "	17	26
3—4 "	51	48
2—3 "	86	62
1—2 "	70	77
Under 1 gallon	29	45
Total	254	262

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases (b) sales of livestock during the month of March:

	Total Cost	Average per Beast
(a) 20 sheep	£229 8 6	£11 9 5
1 horse	£ 67 0 0	

(b) 20 calves were sold at the following prices: 1 at £4 10s, 2 at £5 10s, 6 at £6, 1 at £7, 1 at £7 10s, 1 at £8, 2 at £9, 1 at £11, 2 at £13 10s, 1 at £14 10s, 1 at £15 and 1 at £25 9s. 0d.; total £184 19s. 0d.

4 bonhams were sold at the following prices: 2 at £6 15s. 0d. and two at £7 each; total £27 10s. 0d.

4 fat sows were sold in the Dublin Market at the following prices: 2 for £74 1s. 2d. and 2 for £66 5s. 2d. nett; total £140 6s. 4d.

3. *Mastitis*: The position with regard to mastitis can be considered very satisfactory. A few cases of clinical mastitis occurred during the month and all responded to the usual treatment.

4. *Grass*: Sufficient supplies of grass were available on all farms up to the present, there being a very good early growth for the first grazing. A notable feature during the present season is the very slow recovery of the pastures after the first grazing. This is mainly due to the excessively wet condition of the soil and the severe cutting up by the cattle during the grazing. This, coupled with the late manuring, has made the present condition with regard to grass rather critical and it is only with the strictest economy in the use of the electric fence and strip grazing that stock can be maintained for the present. All cattle are now out night and day on all farms, with the exception of 55 calves, which are housed by night at Turvey and are being fed with hay and silage and are getting a run on grass during the day. It does not appear that there will be any early grass available for silage making. There will be considerable renovating of the pastures as soon as the tillage rush is over.

5. *Crops*: Owing to the very wet condition of the soil, the planting of the potato crop was delayed until the 12th instant. To date 15 acres of 1st and 2nd

earlies have been planted.

To date 31 acres of barley have been sown, leaving 5 acres of barley still to be sown, while 70 acres of spring wheat have been sown, leaving 19 acres of spring wheat still to be sown. The hold-up in the grain sowing is due to the wet condition of the soil and all the drier fields have now been sown. 9 acres of grass seeds were sown in the winter wheat. Every effort is being made to speed up the sowing of the remainder of the crops, and, given a continuance of fine weather, it is hoped that they will be planted in reasonable time to secure a crop.

6. *Tillage*: The spreading of farmyard manure on grasslands for the potato crop and the ploughing for all crops has been completed. Twenty acres of the ground for the potato crop had to be ploughed a second time to facilitate drying and preparation for planting.

7. *Potato Store*: Further to our discussion at the last meeting re the conversion of the hay-barn to a potato house at Ballymastone Farm, I have given this matter further consideration and I have received an estimate from the Chief Engineer for the lofting of the hay-barn at Ballymastone, with a view to storage of hay and straw, for £505. This amount, with an estimate of £220 0s. 0d. for conversion to a potato house, makes a total of £725. He, also, estimates that a new house at Turvey, with a capacity of more than double that at Ballymastone, capable of holding 250 tons, would cost approximately £750 0s. 0d.

As the bulk of the main crop of potatoes is grown at Turvey Farm, it would be more convenient to have

a new house erected at Turvey. I would now recommend that the proposal for the Ballymastone shed be dropped and, also, that the water extension at Portrane and Turvey be proceeded with as originally intended and the question of the potato house be deferred until the next estimates.

8. *Santry Court*: Grass at Santry Court Farm has made satisfactory growth and the 45 acres, which were manured early and closed off, were ready for grazing and stocked by day from 26th March. From the 13th instant all stock on this farm were maintained on grass and foddering ceased. The balance of the pastures then received a basic dressing of artificials and are now making good growth. There is ample supplies of grass available for the present stock and it is hoped that in a short time supplies of grass will be available on this farm for the 55 calves now at Turvey.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 77 yearlings, 36 two-year-old heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Orders made thereon.

Paragraphs 1 to 6. Noted.

Paragraph 7. Referred to Manager for consideration as a matter of urgency.

Paragraph 8. Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

25th April, 1957.

1. *Crops in Season:* With the exception of 2 acres broccoli, the supply of winter crops finished at the end of March. The earliest of the Spring cabbage crop is matured and I commenced cutting it this week.

2. *Tillage and Sowings:* 22 acres of ground have been tilled and prepared for crops; of this 4½ acres of onion sets, 5 acres parsnips and 1 acre of onion seeds have been sown.

3. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds:* Sowings of peas, beans, lettuce and flowering annuals have been made during the past month. Fruit trees have received their second spraying. All lawns and grass plots have been mowed and flower beds weeded and freshened up.

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4. Three acres of ground have been tilled and sown with the following crops:—beans, peas, lettuce, onions and paraley. Recreation grounds, flower beds and shrubberies are in good order.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS
AND GARDENS.

3rd April, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane on Wednesday, April 3rd. Throughout our visit it rained heavily and we fully appreciated the problems facing Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, and his staff in consequence of the long period of bad weather which held up farming operations. Sowings of crops were two or three weeks behind and it is quite possible that no new potatoes will be available before the middle of July. Even the high ground was waterlogged and several dry days will be need to dry out the heavier ground sufficiently to allow work to start.

2. At Turvey we were shown the site of the proposed new house for the storage of potatoes and we were glad to learn that our storage requirements will be met at a minimum cost. We saw the last two loads of our own potatoes and we were pleased to be told that with the application of "Fusarex" the loss on the potato crop stored was practically nil.

3. We inspected the piggeries and the condition of the stock was very good.

4. At Ballymastone we saw many groups of calves all in excellent condition which gives promise of the possibility of a 100 per cent Freisian herd within a reasonable period. Most of our hay and silage is used up and owing to the incessant rainfall the pastures are being badly cut up by stock.

5. We went to the Gardens but due to the weather little outdoor work was possible. A number of men were engaged drawing manure for use later on. We observed that the tomato plants in the green houses were well advanced.

In spite of all difficulties, we felt that, with an early improvement in the weather, all the arrears would be overtaken.

We wish to thank Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their co-operation in the course of our inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
ANTHONY LALOR.
THOMAS O'REILLY.
WILLIAM CHASE.

Order: Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 23rd May, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor W. J. Colman.
" Miss M. C. Ennis.
" G. Hughes.
" E. Timmons.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 290.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

BOARD MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 16th day of May, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C., in Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Councillors P. J. Bermingham, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, B. Conway, D. Delaney, G. Hughes, Mrs. K. Nix, P.C., T. Stafford, P.C., Eugene Timmons, P.C., R. Ellis, Messrs. W. Chase, John Jones, A. Lalor, R. Roulston, T. O'Reilly and J. Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary Andrews, Miss M. C. Ennia and J. Dignam, P.C.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge, W. Lawless and P. McCarthy.

Apologies were received from Messrs. John Cahill and Liam Gaynor for their inability to attend.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board (Report No. 288 of the 18th April, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

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16th May, 1957.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 30th April, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	<i>Males Females</i>		<i>Total</i>
On Hospital Register at 31st			
March, 1957 ...	1,788	2,047	3,835
Admitted during month ...	70	63	133
	<hr/> 1,858	<hr/> 2,110	<hr/> 3,968

	<i>Males Females</i>		<i>Total</i>
Discharged			
during month 63	42	105	
Died during			
month ... 15	6	21	
Escaped do. 2	1	3	80
	<hr/> 49	<hr/> 129	
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,778	2,061	3,839
Absent on trial and escape	26	30	56
Remaining in residence ...	<hr/> 1,752	<hr/> 2,031	<hr/> 3,783

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman ...	789	1,195	1,984
In Portrane ...	963	836	1,799
Total number resident as above	<hr/> 1,752	<hr/> 2,031	<hr/> 3,783

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	...	...	2,858
County Dublin	...	...	524
County Wicklow	...	...	343
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	40
Non-district patients	...	...	18
Total	...	...	3,783

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. Lawless proposed and Councillor G. Hughes seconded the adoption of Report No. 289 of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th April, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

29th April, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Dr. E. O'Brien, we visited No. 22 Hospital. We were informed of an application to have the glass partition extended across the lower part of the ground floor in this Division. Although this improvement was not provided for in the current year's estimates, we are sure that by some little effort it could be carried out. It would not only facilitate administration but give much-needed space to the present Treatment Unit.

2. Proceeding to the Male Hospital, we were accompanied by Head Male Nurse Kavanagh. Having examined the food in preparation for dinner, we found it of good quality, well cooked and prepared for serving. Proceeding to the Dining Hall for the first dinner, we saw about 200 patients being served. They seemed to enjoy the meal and there was a plentiful supply for all.

3. While awaiting the second serving of dinner, we visited the Hospital where preparations were in progress for the showing of the pictures. We note that the system of blacking out the Ward is rather cumbersome and entails considerable time to prepare. We discussed the matter with the Clerk of Works and there seems to be no other method available as the curtains have to be transferred from Division to Division when the pictures are being shown.

4. We paid a hurried visit to the male therapy department and, as usual, the patients were taking a very keen interest in their work. We must say that this is one of the best sections of the Hospital as it absorbs about eighty patients, all enjoying their work.

5. After lunch, accompanied by the Matron, we paid a visit to the Laundry. The patients seemed to be contented and enjoying their work.

6. Proceeding to the General Hospital, we noted the wonderful change caused by a general cleaning up. As the day was fine many of the patients were outdoors. In all, the general condition of the Hospital was good.

7. The Female Therapy Department, as usual, was attractive to the patients and the general standard of the work was good. We noted that this Department has been divided into two sections.

We were indebted to Dr. E. O'Brien, the Head Male Nurse and the Matron for their help throughout our inspection.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

GILBERT HUGHES.

M. LEDWIDGE.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

2nd May, 1957.

1. An inspection was carried out at Portrane Mental Hospital on Thursday, 2nd May, 1957.

We confined our visit to the Female Side of the Hospital, after we had seen the Male patients at lunch.

The food was well cooked and of good quality and all seemed to have plenty to eat.

Some patients asked the usual question "When can I get home?" and we listened to a few complaints of a minor nature.

2. In the Female Hospital we saw so many senile

patients and so many requiring medical care that we wonder if the Medical Staff is adequate.

3. In No. 3 Division we noted the new colour scheme in the repainting. It certainly is a great improvement on the green with which we were all so familiar.

4. The Refractory Divisions were not too noisy but the Nurses here have to be commended for their kindness and patience as some patients become quite out of hand at times.

5. On visiting the Nurses' Home, we found everything in good order. The new stairway is a great improvement.

6. Returning to the Dining Hall, we found Female Divisions 1 and 2 at lunch. The hall does not seem to be so crowded now that smaller dining rooms are being used.

When leaving the Dining Hall, we noticed the wood flooring needs repairing just at the door. We recommend this be done soon before accidents occur.

7. While we were going along the corridor, we noticed that shrubs were growing very tall and obscuring light and blocking the view. These shrubs are at the end of the corridor and in the corner outside the windows of the Pharmacy. We suggest the weeds be removed and bushes trimmed.

8. We finished our inspection at No. 8 Division which was in first class order and lovely and bright. Many of the patients were outside enjoying the sunshine.

Dr. Hegarty accompanied us throughout the visit and to him we return thanks for his kindness.

W. J. COLMAN.

WILLIAM LAWLESS.

THOMAS O'REILLY.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order: Referred to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 20th June, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

" Robert Ellis.

Mr. John Jones.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" A. Lalor.

" Mrs. K. Nix.

Mr. W. Chase.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

10th May, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 7th instant 3,782 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	780	1,207	1,987
In Portrane ...	954	841	1,795
	<hr/> 1,734	<hr/> 2,048	<hr/> 3,782

as compared with:—

7th May, 1956 ...	1,740	2,053	3,793
7th May, 1955 ...	1,750	2,035	3,785
7th May, 1954 ...	1,726	2,002	3,728
7th May, 1953 ...	1,665	2,039	3,704

this year' number being 11 less than on the corresponding date in 1956 and 78 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

3. Male patient P.D. (11214) did not return to Grangegorman off pass on the 15th April but he returned the following day.

4. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.* On the 8th April male patient J. McE (6387), aged 68 years, was pushed to the floor in the Dining Hall by another patient and sustained a fracture of the right femoral

neck. He was attend to by a Visiting Surgeon.

On the 28th April female patient M.M. (8202) was seen to be holding her left arm and an X-ray examination showed a fracture in the region of the elbow. The patient stated that she fell in the recreation grounds.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. *Accidents to Patients, Portrane.* On the 18th April female patient K.L. (37756), aged 63 years slipped and fell to the floor of No. 7 Hospital division. She complained of pain in the upper part of the right arm and clinical examination showed evidence of a fracture of the neck of the right humerus, which was subsequently confirmed by X-ray. The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.* Temporary Attendant P. McM. has been off duty since the 5th May as the result of a kick from a patient.

Nurse D.F. was off duty from the 16th to the 24th April with a fractured nose sustained while playing football on the hospital grounds.

K.T. domestic, was off duty on the 2nd and 3rd May with a scalded foot caused by an accident while on duty on the 30th April.

7. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.* Attendant T.F. has been off duty since the 22nd April with a scalded right arm, sustained when she accidentally spilled a can of boiling water in the General Kitchen.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane Staff are reported which did not cause incapacity.

8. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 4th April by Councillors Timmons and Delaney and Messrs. Carroll and Chase, I have to report:—

Item 1. The table in the Main Kitchen to which the Visiting Members refer is a very strong one which is used for carving and rough work. While it is old and somewhat discoloured, it is still serviceable.

A quotation has been obtained for recovering the billiard table in the Male Nurses' Recreation Room and the seats and chairs will be re-upholstered.

Item 2. I have approved of the installation of a larger water heater in the Pharmacy for washing bottles and vessels.

Item 3. On the mid-week visiting day the patients working in the Male O.T. Department have to go elsewhere for toilet accommodation but I am informed by the Clerk of Works that the cost of providing a special toilet for these patients would be high.

The heating is controlled by means of valves at high level and it can be adjusted fairly quickly on application to the Fitter's Shop, which is adjacent.

The present building would not permit of the provision of more space for the O.T. Department.

Item 4. The scrap metal referred to will be sold at the first suitable opportunity.

Item 5. The Bed Repair Shop will be completed as part of current year's programme.

9. Tenders were invited recently for two 20-gallon electrically heated boilers required for No. 9 Male and No. 11 Female Divisions, for which a sum of £260 is provided in the current year's estimates and on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Jackson Boilers Ltd., Glasgow, in the sum of £202 17s. 8d. as being the most suitable. A duty free import licence has been obtained for these articles but it is possible that a special import levy may be payable.

10. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Scanlan's Ltd., Balbriggan, being the only one received in response to public advertisement for the supply of two Ferguson Standard Diesel Tractors in the sum of £1,347. Messrs. Scanlan's are allowing a sum of £250 off that price for two Ford 8 NAN tractors, which are being traded in.

11. On the 21st March last I reported to the Board that I had instructed the Chief Engineer to put in hands the extension of the Cold Room for the storage of meat at Portrane, for which a sum of £950 had been included in the Estimates for 1956/57. The expenditure to the end of that year amounted to £30 only

and I would ask the Board to authorise the expenditure of a sum of £920 in the current financial year 1957/58 for this purpose, which will be offset by the saving in the previous year.

On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer I have accepted the tender of Messrs. A. G. Bruty in the sum of £644 for alterations to the cooling plant and insulation of the extension to the Meat Room. Messrs. Bruty are the agents for the firm who installed the original plant.

12. Tenders were invited recently for the cleaning of windows at Grangegorman and on the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Ever Bright Window Cleaning Co. Ltd. in the sum of £91 per quarter, being the lower of two tenders received.

13. I have received from the Board's Consulting Engineers and passed for payment the final account in connection with the contract for the electrical installation in the Children's Division at Portrane. The amount of the contract was £400 and extra works amounted to £158 7s. while increased cost for labour amounted to £22 8s. 1d., making a total of £580 15s. 1d. The Board's Architect states that the original contract for the electrical installation was based on draft working drawings and some planning and structural changes were incorporated in the final working drawings which required the provision of additional lighting and plug outlets.

14. I have received also and adopted the Final Account in connection with the contract for the elec-

trical installation in the New Pharmacy at Grangegorman. The contract provided for payment in respect of work done on the basis of the rates which the contractor had tendered for his contract in the reconstruction of No. 4 Division. The estimated cost of the work was £350 and the final cost is certified by the Consulting Engineer to be £343 10s. 6d.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO
BOARD.

16th May, 1957.

15. Since 14th ultimo 66 male and 67 female patients were admitted, total 133. One hundred and thirty two of these were chargeable patients, of whom 80 were temporary, 34 were voluntary and 18 were Persons of Unsound Mind. One patient was also admitted from Ballinasloe Mental Hospital for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

16. With reference to the inspection carried out at Portrane on the 10th April by Councillors Timmons, Mulvey, Nix and Mr. Roulston, I have to report: —

Item 1. I have approved in principle the purchase of an additional potato peeler and quotations are being invited.

Item 2. Tenders have been invited for supplying and fitting new nosing for the stairs in the Nurses' Home with rubber or lino treads. The installation of a lift in this building would be extremely expensive.

Item 3. Delivery of the fish for the Aquarium in the Children's Unit has been very greatly delayed but they have arrived since the date of the Members' Inspection.

17. A sum of £800 was provided in the Estimates for the current year to cover the cost of removing the stone archway at the entrance to the Male House at Grangegorman and making a new entrance. The Board's Architect has prepared a number of sketch designs for the new entrance which are submitted; two of these designs provide for the incorporation of the wrought iron gates from the main entrance to Santry Court and it would appear desirable to transfer these very fine gates to a location where they will be properly maintained.

Before deciding on this, however, I have asked the Architect to give me an approximate estimate of the cost.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 16 Item 2. Further report to be submitted.

Paragraph 17. Referred to Building Committee.

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Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
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W. J. COLMAN,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 291.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 18th October, 1956, a Special Committee was appointed:—

"To draft and submit for the Board's approval Standing Orders governing the procedure at meetings of Committees appointed by the Board."

The following were appointed members of the Special Committee:—

- Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).
 - " D. Larkin.
 - " William Lawless.
 - " Mrs. Mary Mulvey.
 - " E. Timmons.
 - Mr. John Cahill.
 - Mr. T. O'Reilly.
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The Committee held two meetings, the attendance at which was as follows:—

In Grangegorman on the 17th January, 1957:—
Councillors W. J. Colman, Mrs. M. Mulvey, W. Lawless, E. Timmons and Messrs. J. Cahill and T. O'Reilly.

*In Grangegorman on the 23rd May, 1957:—*Councillors W. J. Colman, Mrs. M. Mulvey, W. Lawless and Messrs. J. Cahill and T. O'Reilly.

At the meeting held on the 17th January, 1957, the general principles governing procedure at Committees were discussed and agreed and the Chief Clerk was instructed to prepare draft rules accordingly.

At the meeting on the 23rd May, 1957, on the motion of Councillor William Lawless, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mulvey, draft rules were unanimously recommended for adoption, as follows:—

RULES FOR COMMITTEES.

1. STANDING COMMITTEES:

(i) The Board shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Agricultural Committee and a Building Committee, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Board. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of a Standing Committee, by reason of death, resignation or disqualification from membership of the Board, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment at the next meeting of the Board. Each

Committee shall consist of twelve members of whom five shall form a quorum. The Chairman of the Board shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Standing Committees.

(ii) At the meeting of each Standing Committee next ensuing after the meeting of the Board at which the Committee was appointed, the Committee shall proceed to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. In the event of the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman of a Standing Committee becoming vacant through death, resignation or disqualification from membership of the Board, the office shall be filled by election at the next ensuing meeting of the Standing Committee.

2. VISITING COMMITTEES:

At each monthly meeting the Board shall appoint a Grangegorman Visiting Committee and a Portrane Visiting Committee, to hold office until the next monthly meeting of the Board. Each Visiting Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Board (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman) and three other members of the Board, of whom two shall form a quorum.

3. At each monthly meeting of the Agricultural Committee, the Committee shall appoint the presiding Chairman and three other members of the Committee to inspect the Farms and Gardens during the ensuing month.

4. The Board may from time to time appoint such other and so many Committees as they may consider necessary for the transaction of such business or the

consideration of such matters as may be referred to them by resolution of the Board.

5. Each Standing Committee, Visiting Committee and Special Committee shall furnish a report of its proceedings for the next ensuing meeting of the Board and no act done by any of the said Committees shall have effect until it shall have been confirmed by the Board.

6. The members of the Agricultural Committee appointed at any meeting to inspect the Farms and Gardens shall furnish a report of their inspection to the next meeting of the Agricultural Committee.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 292

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 23rd day of May, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: — Councillors Miss M. C. Ennis, G. Hughes, W. Lawless, E. Timmons, Messrs. W. Chase, A. Lalor, T. O'Reilly and J. Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

23rd May, 1957.

1. Since my last report on the 25th ultimo, milk supplies have been well maintained. During the past week a few cows have calved and with a number of cows due to calve soon, it is hoped that supplies will be maintained for some time. At present Grange-gorman is receiving 288 gallons and Portrane 276 gallons daily, which are their full requirements.

The present daily average yield from 246 milking cows is 2.35 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with last month:—

	<i>This month</i>	<i>Last month</i>
Over 5 gallons	3	1
4—5 "	21	17
3—4 "	52	51
2—3 "	97	86
1—2 "	45	70
Under 1 gallon	28	29
Total ...	246	254

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases (b) sales of livestock during the month of April:—

	Total Cost	Average per Beast
(a) 40 sheep ...	£413 19 0	£10 7 0
(b) 4 calves were sold at £7 0s. 0d. each; total £28 0s. 0d. 17 store pigs were sold at the following prices:—2 @ £7.10.0 and 15 @ £6.10.0 each; total		

£112.10.0 4 store sows were sold for £80.0.0. 2 fat sows were sold in the Dublin market for £47 9s. 2d. nett.

3. *Mastitis*: The position with regard to mastitis can be considered very satisfactory. A few cases of clinical mastitis occurred on all farms, which responded to the usual treatment, no quarters being lost.

4. *Grass*: With the recent rains and the completion of the basic dressing of artificials on the grasslands, pastures have recovered very well. At the moment ample supplies of grass are available for all stock and a few fields are being reserved for silage on all farms. As pastures are being grazed off, they are receiving a dressing of 1½ cwt. of Nitrogen per acre. It is expected that silage making will commence before the end of the present month, and present indications are that there will be no fields reserved for early hay. Pastures, which were badly cut up during the Winter and early Spring grazing, are at present being renovated and reseeded where necessary.

5. *Crops*: The sowing of the barley and wheat crops was completed on the 19th and 24th ultimo, respectively. All the grain crop is now above ground and is looking very well. 80 acres of the early sown corn crop have now been undersown with grass seeds.

The planting of the balance of the potato crop—80 acres—was completed on the 17th instant. It was found necessary to purchase a further 6 tons of main crop seed potatoes. This was principally due to excessive loss in the home-produced seed and the

delay in planting the earlies which prevented them being cut due to excessive growth of the sprouts. The last 6 tons were obtained from the same supplier as before at £1 per ton less than his previous contract price.

Owing to the wet condition of portion of the Swamp field it was not found possible to sow this with wheat. Seven acres at Turvey were ploughed and planted with wheat in lieu and the Swamp field has since been direct reseeded to grass. Much more tilling was needed in preparing the land for the potato crop this year and it was found necessary to back-plough 90 of the 95 acres of the ground.

6. *Tillage:* The spreading of farmyard manure on grasslands for the potato crop and the ploughing for all crops has been completed. Twenty acres of the ground for the potato crop had to be ploughed a second time to facilitate drying and preparation for planting.

7. *Potato Store:* Further to our discussion at the last meeting re the conversion of the hay-barn to a potato house at Ballymastone Farm, I have given this matter further consideration and I have received an estimate from the Chief Engineer for the lofting of the hay-barn at Ballymastone, with a view to storage of hay and straw, for £505. This amount, with an estimate of £220 0s. 0d. for conversion to a potato house, makes a total of £725. He, also, estimates that a new house at Turvey, with a capacity of more than double that at Ballymastone, capable of holding 250 tons, would cost approximately £750 0s. 0d.

As the bulk of the main crop of potatoes are grown on the Turvey Farm, it would be more convenient to have a new house erected at Turvey. I would now recommend that the proposal for the Ballymastone shed be dropped and, also, that the water extension at Portrane and Turvey be proceeded with as originally intended and the question of the potato house be deferred until the next estimates.

8. *Santry Court*: Grass at Santry Court Farm has made satisfactory growth and the 45 acres, which were manured early and closed off, were ready for grazing and stocked by day from 26th March. From the 13th instant all stock on this farm were maintained on grass and foddering ceased. The balance of the pastures then received a basic dressing of artificials and are now making good growth. There are ample supplies of grass available for the present stock and it is hoped that in a short time supplies of grass will be available on this farm for the 55 calves now at Turvey.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 77 yearlings, 36 two-year-old heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, PORTRANE.

23rd May, 1957.

1. *Crops in season at the moment*: 12 acres cabbage, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres onions, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre broccoli, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lettuce and 1 acre rhubarb; also thyme, sage and turnips.

2. *Young crops*: $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of "sets," 1 acre onion seed, 5 acres parsnips, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres swede turnips and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre seed beds consisting of brussel sprouts, broccoli, cabbage and leeks are doing well.

3. *Tillage and Sowings*: 15 acres have been prepared for crops; of this, 1 acre of carrots were sown during the past week. 3 acres of late planted cabbage were grubbed and earthed during the past month.

4. *Kitchen Gardens and Recreation Grounds*: Small sowings of salads and flavouring vegetables are made weekly to keep up a succession of these vegetables during the year. Fruit trees have received a third spraying. All flower beds are being prepared for Summer planting.

GRANGEGORMAN.

5. During the past month sowings of peas, beans, lettuce, beet, carrots and turnips have been made. Preparing flower borders and beds for Summer planting. Ploughing 2 acres of vacant ground and general upkeep of all recreation grounds.

ANDREW WOLOHAN,
Head Gardener.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS
AND GARDENS

3rd April, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane on Wednesday, April 3rd. Throughout our visit it rained heavily and we fully appreciated the problems facing Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, and his staff in consequence of the long period of bad weather which held up farming operations. Sowings of crops were two to three weeks behind and it is quite possible that no new potatoes will be available before the middle of July. Even the high ground was waterlogged and several dry days will be needed to dry out the heavier ground sufficiently to allow work to start.

2. At Turvey we were shown the site of the proposed new house for the storage of potatoes and we were glad to learn that our storage requirements will be met at a minimum cost. We saw the last two loads of our own potatoes and we were pleased to be told that with the application of "Fusarex" the loss on the potato crop stored was practically nil.

3. We inspected the piggeries and the condition of the stock was very good.

4. At Ballymastone we saw many groups of calves all in excellent condition which gives promise of the possibility of a 100 per cent. Freisian herd within a reasonable period. Most of our hay and silage is used up and owing to the incessant rainfall the pastures are being badly cut up by stock.

5. We went to the Gardens but due to the weather little outdoor work was possible. A number of men were engaged drawing manure for use later on. We observed that the tomato plants in the greenhouses were well advanced.

In spite of all difficulties, we felt that, with an early improvement in the weather, all the arrears would be overtaken.

We wish to thank Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their co-operation in the course of our inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

ANTHONY LALOR.

THOMAS O'REILLY.

WILLIAM CHASE.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 27th June, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

 " W. Lawless.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Mr. J. Smithers.

PORTRANE FARM COSTS 1955/56.

The report of the Agricultural Manager dated 1st February, 1957, on his examination of the farm costs for the year 1955/56 was submitted and consideration thereof was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 293

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 20th day of June, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present: —

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, B. Conway, G. Hughes, Dr. C. A. Macken, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Senator J. J. O'Keefe, P.C., T. Stafford, P.C., Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. J. Cahill, W. Chase, A. Lalor, R. Roulston, Liam Gaynor, T. O'Reilly and J. Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss M. C. Ennis, Miss Andrews and J. Dignam.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors W. Lawless, P. McCarthy and Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

An apology was received from Councillor H. P. Dockrell, T.D. for his inability to attend.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board (Report No. 290 of the 16th May, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st May, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	<i>Males Females Total</i>		
On Hospital Register at 30th April, 1957 ...	1,778	2,061	3,839
Admitted during month ...	68	86	154
	<hr/> 1,846	<hr/> 2,147	<hr/> 3,993

	<i>Males Females Total</i>		
Discharged during month	68	67	135
Died during month ...	16	12	28
Escaped do. — — —	84	79	163
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,762	2,068	3,830
Absent on trial and escape	21	37	58
Remaining in residence ...	<hr/> 1,741	<hr/> 2,031	<hr/> 3,772

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman ...	780	1,192	1,972
In Portrane ...	961	839	1,800
Total number resident as above	<hr/> 1,741	<hr/> 2,031	<hr/> 3,772

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	...	...	2,853
County Dublin	...	...	517
County Wicklow	...	...	344
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	41
Non-district patients		...	17
Total	...	...	3,772

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor William Lawless proposed and Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey seconded the adoption of Report No. 291 of the meetings of the Special Committee held on the 17th January and 23rd May, 1957. *Passed. Councillors G. Hughes and Mr. A. Lalor dissenting.*

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. Lawless proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 292 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 23rd May, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

6th June, 1957.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

1. An inspection was carried out at Grangegorman Mental Hospital on Thursday, 6th June, 1957.

Dr. E. O'Brien put us under the guidance of Miss Sharkey, Matron, who accompanied us through No. 22 Division Women's Day Room where many of the patients were knitting or doing crochet or embroidery.

2. The Women's Hospital and T.B. section were inspected and found in good order. Although the day was not very warm, the T.B. patients were outside enjoying the fresh air which they told us they preferred to being indoors.

3. The new Pharmacy is certainly a wonderful improvement.

4. From the Pharmacy we went to the Male workshops and saw some very useful work being carried out.

5. In the Male main Dining Hall we saw first lunch served and ample helpings given to all. The potatoes looked as if it would not be long till they would be quite uneatable and new potatoes will have to be supplied.

We noted the bright new table tops in the Dining Hall.

The floor of the Dining Hall, near the kitchen entrance, is badly in need of repair.

6. After inspecting the Male Hospital we went to No. 10 Division to see the patients at Lunch. It was of good quality and well cooked except for the black looking potatoes. The smaller tables certainly look much better than the large dining tables.

7. Before leaving we went through the Laundry and the Women's Therapy rooms.

Everything we saw was very clean and in good order. We received few complaints and we must express our appreciation of the work of the Staff throughout the Hospital.

8. We are grateful to Dr. E. O'Brien, Miss Sharkey, Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Vero who were so considerate and helpful throughout our visit.

WILLIAM COLMAN,

ROBERT ELLIS.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order. Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

5th June, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Dr. Aird and Mr. Beegan, we visited the new Female Division where lunch was being prepared on the new cookers for the staff. The system is efficient and satisfactory.

2. We then visited Nos. 8 and 9 Divisions in the temporary buildings. We found that No. 8 Division needs a general overhaul and painting. We understand that this has been repeatedly reported without result. In both Nos. 8 and 9 Divisions the beds should be painted in a uniform colour. Considering the age of these buildings, the general cleanliness is a credit to the staff.

3. We also visited the new Male Division where the working patients were arriving for lunch, and considering the fact that the majority of them were returning from the farm their general appearance and demeanour was excellent.

4. We inspected the staircase to the female Nurses' Home. Mr. Hand informed us that he is preparing four stairtreads for our inspection before completing the job.

5. We wish to thank Dr. Aird, Mr. Beegan and Mr. Hand for their assistance during the inspection.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

ANTHONY LALOR.

WILLIAM CHASE.

KATHLEEN NIX.

Order. Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 15th July, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" Miss Mary Andrews.

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

Mr. A. Lalor.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman).

" G. Hughes.

" Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Mr. Liam Gaynor.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

14th June, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 11st instant 3,790 patients, viz:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	782	1,208	1,990
In Portrane	951	849	1,800
	<hr/> 1,733	<hr/> 2,057	<hr/> 3,790

as compared with:—

11th June, 1956 ...	1,742	2,070	3,812
11th June, 1955 ...	1,758	2,055	3,813
11th June, 1954 ...	1,731	2,020	3,751
11th June, 1953 ...	1,680	2,056	3,736

this year's number being 22 less than on the corresponding date in 1956 and 54 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

1. Female patient R.D. (11732), aged 21 years, while seated by the fire on the 7th instant at Grange-gorman, slipped from her chair and died immediately. The Coroner was informed and a Post Mortem was ordered. Death was found to be due to natural causes and an Inquest was considered unnecessary.

On the 30th May male patient H.D. (10418), aged 61 years, was noticed by the Night Nurse in No. 3 Division at Grange-gorman to be in a distressed condition. A Medical Officer was called and when he arrived the patient was dead. The patient had been under treatment for myocarditis and arterio sclerosis and had been treated on several occasions for collapse due to these conditions. His death in such circumstances was not unexpected. Death was certified to be due to cardio respiratory failure, myocardial infarction coronary thrombosis and Grand Mal Epilepsy.

On the 15th May the nurse on night duty in No. 5 Ward at Portrane noticed male patient L.H. (42883), aged 41 years, lying in an unusual position in bed and on closer examination the patient appeared to be dead. Death was confirmed by a medical officer. The Coroner was notified and ordered a post mortem examination, the report of which has not been received. The patient on retiring to bed appeared to be in his normal health. He had been undergoing a course of serpanil treatment and was at the time on reduced dosage.

On the 21st February last I reported that female patient M.J.K. (27979), aged 70 years was accidentally knocked off balance by another patient and sustained a slight cut on the back of the head and an injury

to the left leg. An examination showed evidence of a fracture of the neck of the femur. I regret to say that the patient died on the 28th April. The death was duly reported to the Coroner but the Portrane Medical Superintendent has not been advised as to whether an inquest will be held.

4. Male patient S.M. (11284), a voluntary patient at Grangegorman, failed to return off pass on the 12th May. He returned of his own accord on the 14th.

Male patient W.P. (9432) a temporary patient, who had liberty of the grounds escaped from Grangegorman on the 20th May. He was brought back to the hospital from his home on the evening of the 26th.

Male patient M.K. (11700) escaped on the 24th May from St. Patrick's Ward at Grangegorman. He was brought back from his home on the 31st May.

Male patient T.W. (11696), escaped on the 27th May from St. Patrick's Ward at Grangegorman. He was brought back from his home the following day. The Chief R.M.S. assures me that there was no negligence on the part of the staff in connection with these escapes, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. On the 3rd May male patient C.R. (40922) a kitchen worker in No. 10 Division at Portrane was found to be missing at 5.45 p.m. He was seen in Rush the following morning by a member of the trade staff and brought back to the hospital.

On the 11th May male patient F.V. (10491) did not attend for supper in No. 2 Division at Portrane

having got through a window at nearly ground level by moving the stop block. He was seen that evening by a member of the trade staff who was travelling to the City and brought back to the hospital.

On the 20th May male Patient A.H. (8197) who was on parole failed to return to lunch or supper. On the 24th May it was learnt that he was in a hospital in Dun Laoghaire and he was brought back to Grangegorman that day.

On the 30th May male Patient E.C. (1097) who had liberty of the grounds at Portrane failed to return to his ward after supper. The usual enquiries have been made but so far he has not been located.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that there was no negligence on the part of any member of the nursing staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.* On the 28th May female patient J.S. (39149), while being brought to the dormitory in No. 11 Division stumbled and fell. An X-ray examination showed a fracture of the left femur and a possible fracture of superior and inferior pubic rami. The patient is progressing satisfactorily.

On the 30th May female patient G.L. (39780) while going to Mass tripped on the footpath and fell. An X-ray examination showed slight fracture of the left thumb.

While walking in the corridor of No. 18 Division, accompanied by a nurse, female patient C.C. (11094) slipped and fell on the 4th June, and an X-ray examination showed a fracture of the lower right radius. The patient is progressing satisfactorily.

On the 24th ultimo female patient E.L. (10627), aged 65 years, slipped and fell in the Dining Hall of No. 22 Division sustaining a fracture of the left scaphoid and lower end of left radius. The patient is progressing satisfactorily.

Male Patient P.W. (11663) when admitted on 14th May was found to have fractures of the sixth and seventh ribs.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the last month.

7. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.* Nurse T.C. has been off duty since the 11th May with an injury to his right eye and concussion sustained when he slipped and fell when off duty.

Nurse W.R. has been off duty since 2nd June with an injury to his head sustained when he accidentally hit his head against a patient's head when both stooped at the same time to pick up a parcel.

A number of other accidents to members of the staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.* Temporary Attendant M.G. was incapacitated from the 29th May to

the 1st June with an injury to his ankle sustained when off duty.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Portrane on 2nd May by Councillors W. J. Colman, William Lawless, Mrs. C. Byrne and Mr. T. O'Reilly, I have to report:—

Item 5. The "new" staircase to which the Visiting Members refer appears to be one that was constructed some years ago when the Female Nurses' Home was extended. The original staircase is that referred to in the report of the Visiting Members for April, which has been out of commission for some time because it was considered unsafe. I inspected the stairs on 6th June and I am satisfied that it is essential to repair the worn treads. Having examined a number of samples submitted by the Chief Engineer, I approved of his proposal to relay the existing carbide inserts in asphalt at a cost of £88 11s. 0d.

Item 6. The repair of the floor of the General Dining Hall is in hands.

Item 7. The shrubs referred to have been trimmed.

10. A report has been received from the Ladies After Care Committee covering the twelve months ending 30th September, 1956, during which the total number of visits paid to discharged patients was 425. I have endorsed the Chief R.M.S.'s

appreciation of the very valuable work carried out by the After Care Committee, which is of the greatest assistance to the medical staff and, on the Board's behalf, I am expressing sincerest thanks to these ladies for their voluntary charitable work.

11. The usual annual excursions for working patients from Grangegorman and Portrane have been arranged. The Grangegorman patients will go to Mornington, Co. Louth and the Portane patients to Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

12. On 16th May I reported that the extension of the Cold Store at Portrane was in hands but that a sum of £30 only had been expended to 31st March, 1957, out of the total of £950 provided in the Estimates for 1956/57. I would ask the Board formally to authorise the expenditure of the balance of £920 in the current financial year 1957/58.

13. The Agricultural Manager has recommended the construction of a potato store at Turvey Farm and the Chief Engineer has prepared plans for a suitable building, estimated to cost £960 which I have adopted subject to authorisation by the Board of this expenditure and to the approval of the Minister for Health.

This proposal has been discussed fully with the Agricultural Committee and it is agreed that the construction of a store will effect a considerable saving in the cost of handling potatoes. The Agricultural Manager estimates that the annual saving will be in the region of £330.

The Agricultural Manager proposes to defer a number of schemes for the extension of the water supply on the farms for which a total sum of £415 was provided in the estimates for the current year. The substitution of the scheme for the potato store will, therefore, involve a nett additional expenditure of £545 only, which I would ask the Board to authorise.

14. The Board's Architect has submitted a Final Statement of the cost of constructing the New Pharmacy at Grangegorman. The total cost, including furniture, fittings and fees, amounting to £4,552 4s. 8d. compares favourably with the estimated cost of £4,700.

15. At the suggestion of the Visiting Members, who carried out an Inspection at Portrane recently, the Chief Engineer has had constructed by the Hospital staff a swing and see-saw for the Children's Division. He has obtained quotations for special play training and exercise equipment, which are being examined.

16. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in May last. Twenty-four Grangegorman candidates (6 male and 18 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 7 were successful (3 male and 4 female attendants). Six female candidates sat for the Final Examination all of whom were successful.

26 Portrane candidates (8 male and 18 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 9 were successful (5 male and 4 female attendants). Eight candidates (2 male and 6 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, of whom 4 were successful (1 male and 3 female attendants).

17. Tenders were invited recently for the supply of storage tanks and drip trays required in the scheme for the improvement of the water supply in the Male House at Grangegorman and three were received. On the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Tonge and Taggart Ltd. in the sum of £1,572 as being the most suitable. Another firm submitted a slightly lower tender for the tanks only but with a long period for delivery.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO
BOARD.

20th June, 1957.

18. Since the 12th May, 89 male and 84 female patients were admitted, total 173. 172 of these were chargeable patients of whom 92 were temporary, 61 were voluntary and 19 were persons of unsound mind. One patient was admitted from Ballinasloe Mental Hospital for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

19. Removal of the subsidy on Creamery Butter has resulted in an increase in the contract price for this commodity by 59/- a cwt., with effect as and from 9th May, 1957, and the cost of this increase will amount to approximately £2,800 in the current financial year; £3,100 in a full year.

Full details of the alterations in the prices of Bakers' flour as a result of the removal of the Government's subsidy from the 11th May, have not yet been obtained. It appears, however, that the new prices will represent an increase of 56/2d. per 280 lb. sack and there will also be some increase in the cost of delivery to Portrane. From the information available at present it is estimated that these increases will cost the Board about £8,800 in the current financial year; £9,600 in a full year.

I would ask the Board to authorise the estimated additional expenditure on these two commodities in the current financial year, viz.:—£11,600, provision for which has not been made in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58.

T. O'BROIN,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 10. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Nix, seconded by Councillor W. Lawless: "That we note with pleasure the Manager's and Chief R.M.S.'s appreciation of the work of the Ladies After Care Committee and we desire to thank the Lady President and her colleagues for their most valuable work which is of the greatest benefit to discharged patients.

Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 12. Proposed by Mr. John Cahill, seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly: "That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £920 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58, on the extension of the Cold Store at Portrane. *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 13. Proposed by Councillor William Lawless, seconded by Councillor G. Hughes: "That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £545 nett in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58, on the construction of a Potato Store at Turvey Farm." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 19. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Cahill: "That the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £11,600 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58 to meet the increased cost of flour and bread. *Passed unanimously.*

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.



Report No. 294.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 27th day of June, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman, P.C., Chairman in the Chair. Also present: — Councillors Miss M. C. Ennis, G. Hughes, W. Lawless, E. Timmons, Messrs. W. Chase and A. Lalor.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that, before the next meeting of the Committee a new Manager for the Board would have taken office. He expressed his appreciation of the cordial relations which had existed between Mr. T. O'Broin and the members of the Board and of the work which Mr. O'Broin had done during his period of office as Manager. The other members of the Committee asked to be associated with this expression of appreciation and the Chief Clerk was instructed to convey it to Mr. O'Broin.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER,
PORTRANE.

27th June, 1957.

1. Since my last report of the 23rd ultimo, full supplies of milk were available for both Hospitals, with the exception of a few days when a slight shortage occurred. At present Grangegorman is receiving 291 gallons and Portrane 276 gallons daily.

The present daily average yield from 255 milking cows is 2.24 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with last month:—

	<i>This month</i>	<i>Last month</i>
Over 5 gallons	4	3
4—5	13	21
3—4	45	52
2—3	94	97
1—2	76	45
Under 1 gallon	23	28
Total	255	246

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases (b) sales of livestock during the month of May:—

	Total Cost	Average per Beast
(a) 52 Sheep	£531 5 6	£10 4 4
1 Hereford		
Stock Bull	£141 15 0	
42 fat pigs for		
Grangegorman		
Stores	£712 0 0	£16 19 1

(b) 7 calves were sold at the following prices:—
5 @ £9.0.0, 1 @ £11.0.0 and 1 @ £15.0.0; total £71.0.0.

21 bonhams were sold at the following prices:— 20 @ £6.0.0 each and 1 @ £6.5.0; total £126.5.0 8 store pigs were sold at £7.0.0 each; total £56. 72 store pigs were transferred to Grangegorman at the following prices:—48 @ £11.0.0, 12 @ £10.0.0 and 12 @ £9.0.0 each; total £756.0.0.

3. *Mastitis*: The position with regard to mastitis continues to be satisfactory. Only a few cases of clinical mastitis occurred on the three farms for the past month and all responded to the usual treatment. As a precaution, all dry cows in the herd as they go dry are infused with Protegan and Penicillin Suspension.

4. *Purchase of Bulls and sale of surplus dairy Cows and Heifer Calves*: With the build up of the dairy herd to full requirements, it was recently found necessary to purchase a third Hereford Bull. A suitable animal was obtained at the May R.D.S. Spring Show which cost 135 guineas. At present there are two friesian bulls in use in the herd, one a proven bull—Oldpark Hiljedo—and the other a two and a half year old purchased in October, 1955. The latter has been used almost entirely with the heifers at Santry Court. He is now getting too strong for this purpose and it is proposed to use him in a limited capacity in future at Portrane until his progeny come into production, which will be early in 1959. I now find it necessary to purchase a yearling friesian bull to run with the heifers from next September onwards. I have recently circularized all the best friesian breeders in Ireland and have offers of four suitable bulls and one exceptionally well bred bull calf from Northern Ireland. The calf has been offered at £75.0.0 and as

his grand-dam is a champion 2000 gallon cow, Cottage-hill Biddy, I would recommend his purchase for rearing for use next year, and, also, the purchase of one of the yearling bulls on offer at £170.0.0. This yearling bull has very good milk ancestry and should be very suitable for use with the herd here. It will be necessary to inspect these bulls before final purchase.

As the dairy herd is now at full strength and self contained, from now on it will be possible to start culling. As some of the animals which may be culled, will be young T.T. cows they should be sold on the commercial market after calving, as they would realize a greater cash return by this means than disposal by slaughter. As there had been a quantity of surplus milk recently, three milch cows were sold at Messrs. Gavin Low's dairy sale on the 12th instant and they realized an average of £51 15s. 8d. each nett. Two of their friesland calves were also sold and they made an average of £15 10s. 0d. each. From now on it is hoped to have a number of friesland heifer calves for sale, surplus to our requirements. I find a ready market for these calves at present at satisfactory prices. Only the best friesland heifer calves will be retained for herd replacements in future.

5. *Grass:* Owing to the recent heat-wave, grass is getting burned up more especially on the higher portions of the farms and growth of grass is very slow at present. Were it not for the judicious application of nitrogenous fertilizers to the pastures as they are being grazed off and the meadows as they are being cut for silage, the position would be very serious.

6. *Crops:* The spraying of weeds and the sowing of grass seeds in the corn crops were completed on the

31st ultimo and the 6th instant respectively. The weeding and moulding of the potato crop is now being carried out and to date 46 acres have been done. The dry weather is retarding the growth of this crop also.

The filling of the silo pits at Portrane and Turvey farms commenced on the 28th May. To date approximately 400 tons of grass have been stored. The cuts of grass for silage are much lighter than in other years, giving about 5 tons to the acre compared with up to 9 tons in previous years.

The meadows closed off for hay will, also, be light. A start has been made with the cutting of the hay crop and to date 22 acres have been cut. So far sufficient grass has been available, but with the continuance of the present weather, future supplies are unpredictable.

7. *Santry Court*: Grass on this farm continues to make satisfactory growth. 36 acres have been closed off for cutting for hay, but owing to the late spring grazing of these pastures the meadows will be light.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 61 calves, 83 yearling heifers and 24 two-year-old heifers.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager

Orders made thereon:

Paragraphs 1—3: Noted.

Paragraph 4: Approved.

Paragraphs 5—7: Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, PORTRANE.

27th June, 1957.

1. *Vegetable Fields*: The long spell of drought has had an adverse effect on young vegetable crops, particularly those in the seedling stage i.e. parsnips, carrots, Spring onions and brassicas. The Spring cabbage and Autumn onions are doing well and I have an abundant supply of these vegetables. We have just completed the weeding and thinning of 2 acres swede turnips 1 acre of onions and $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of onion sets and have commenced the weeding and thinning of the parsnip crop.

2. *Tillage and Sowings*: 9 acres of ground have been prepared for crops; of this, 3 acres of cabbage were planted.

3. *Kitchen Gardens and Recreation Grounds*: Small sowings of salads and flavouring vegetables are made weekly and at the moment we are planting out celery. Fruit trees have received the fourth application of spray. The picking of bush fruit commenced this week. The planting of all flower beds and borders was finished last week.

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4. One and half acres of ground were ploughed and planted with brussel sprouts and leeks. Small sowings of parsley, lettuce and turnips were made during the past month. The planting of flower beds on grounds is in progress at the moment.

A. WOLOHAN,
Head Gardener.

Order: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS
AND GARDENS.

30th May, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Vaughan, we visited Turvey, Ballymastone and Portrane Farm Yard. As the majority of the stock was out on pasture as were the young calves, there was little to report. All the crops had been sown and all that was needed was a little moisture.

2. At the farm yard we were, as usual, impressed by the continued good results achieved in pig production. At the time of our visit the stock was 470 pigs. No doubt this is a vast number to be catered for and we must say their general health was all that could be desired. The silage pits were receiving attention and filling of them was in progress.

3. After the lunch we visited the garden. We noticed the usual good progress in planting crops, which was well advanced. The general appearance of the grounds and the lawns around the Institution was remarkably good.

We thank Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Wolohan for their assistance during our visit.

W. J. COLMAN.
T. O'REILLY.
W. LAWLESS.
J. SMITHERS.

Order: Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 25th July, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor W. J. Colman.

„ E. Timmons.

Mr. W. Chase.

Mr. A. Lalor.

PORTRANE FARM COSTS 1955/56.

A report containing the observations of Mr. James Mahony on the farm costs for 1955/56, was submitted and consideration thereof was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

W. J. COLMAN,
Chairman.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

*Report No. 295.**18th July, 1957.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in the Board-room, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of July, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman (Chairman) in the Chair at the outset. The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives :—Aldermen Thomas Byrne, T.D., P.C. and Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors James Carroll, T.D., P.C. (Lord Mayor), Patrick J. Bermingham, Robert Ellis, Roland Burgess, P.C., Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Denis Larkin, T.D., Dr. Christopher A. Macken, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keeffe, P.C., Thomas Stafford, P.C., and Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, William Chase, John Jones, Anthony Lalor, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives :—Councillors. Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews, J. Dignam, P.C., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives :—Councillors William Lawless, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Michael McStay.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 293, 20th June, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

CONDOLENCE.

Councillor E. Timmons proposed and Councillor Gilbert Hughes seconded "That we learn with deep regret of the death of Alderman Colm Gallagher, T.D., and we tender to his wife and family our sincere sympathy with them in the loss they have sustained."

The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

The following were proposed for election as Chairman :—

Councillor E. Timmons, proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Nix.

Councillor W. J. Colman, proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Keeffe and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mulvey.

Mr John Cahill, proposed by Mr. Liam Gaynor and seconded by Mr. R. Roulston.

A poll was taken in which Councillor Timmons received 14 votes Councillor Colman 12 votes and Mr. Cahill 5 votes.

The voting was as follows :—

For Councillor Timmons :—Alderman Mrs. Lynch, Councillors Ellis, Conway, Hughes, Larkin, Macken, Mrs. Nix,

Timmons, Miss Andrews, Dignam, Mrs. Ledwidge, Messrs. Chase, Jones and O'Reilly (14).

For Councillor Colman—Alderman Byrne, Councillors Carroll, Burgess, Mrs. Byrne, Colman, O'Keeffe, Stafford, Mrs. Mulvey, Miss Ennis, Lawless, McCarthy and Mr. Lalor (12).

For Mr. Cahill—Councillors Bermingham, Messrs. Cahill, Roulston, Gaynor and Smithers (5).

Mr. John Cahill was eliminated and a second poll was taken in which Councillor E. Timmons received 16 votes and Councillor W. J. Colman received 13 votes.

The voting was as follows:—

For Councillor Timmons:—Alderman Mrs. Lynch, Councillors Ellis, Conway, Delaney, Hughes, Larkin, Macken, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Miss Andrews, Dignam, Mrs. Ledwidge, Messrs. Chase, Jones, O'Reilly and Smithers (16).

For Councillor Colman:—Alderman Byrne, Councillors Carroll, Burgess, Mrs. Byrne, Colman, O'Keeffe, Stafford, Mrs. Mulvey, Miss Ennis, Lawless, McCarthy, Messrs. Cahill and Lalor (13).

Councillor E. Timmons was declared elected Chairman and took the Chair.

Councillor Denis Larkin proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded the election of Councillor W. J. Colman as Vice Chairman. As no other candidate was proposed, Councillor Colman was declared elected Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Gilbert Hughes proposed that the Notice of Motion standing in his name be taken before the appointment of Committee. The proposal was seconded by Councillor P. Bermingham but was defeated, there being 11 votes for the proposal and 13 against.

APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Mr. John Jones, seconded by Councillor W. J. Colman, the nine remaining outgoing members of the Agricultural Committee were re-appointed unanimously, to hold office until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

The following members were proposed to fill the three vacant positions on the Agricultural Committee, viz. :—

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, proposed by Councillor William Lawless, seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Councillor Miss M. Andrews, proposed by Councillor Mrs. Nix, seconded by Mr. J. Jones.

Mr. Liam Gaynor, proposed by Councillor P. J. Birmingham, seconded by Mr. R. Roulston.

Councillor R. Burgess, proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mulvey.

Councillor J. Dignam, proposed by Councillor Mrs. Mulvey, seconded by Councillor Miss Ennis.

Councillor B. Conway, proposed by Mr. John Jones, seconded by Councillor D. Larkin.

Councillor R. Ellis, proposed by Councillor Dr. Macken, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Lynch.

A poll was taken in which Councillor Miss Andrews received 18 votes, Councillors Burgess, Conway and Mrs. Ledwidge 15 votes each, Councillor Dignam and Mr. Gaynor 11 votes each and Councillor Ellis 8 votes.

Councillor Miss M. Andrews was declared elected and a second poll was taken in which Councillors B. Conway and Mrs. M. Ledwidge received 13 votes each, Councillor Burgess 12 votes, Mr. Gaynor 11 votes, Councillor Ellis 6 votes and Councillor J. Dignam 5 votes.

Councillors B. Conway and Mrs. M. Ledwidge were declared elected.

The following are the members of the Agricultural Committee as constituted by the foregoing resolutions:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

“ Miss M. Andrews.

“ W. J. Colman.

“ B. Conway.

“ Miss M. C. Ennis.

“ Gilbert Hughes.

“ William Lawless.

“ Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Mr. William Chase.

Mr. Anthony Lalor.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. John Cahill seconded “That the eleven remaining outgoing members of the Building Committee be re-elected and that Councillor Miss M. Andrews be appointed to the vacant position.”

Passed unanimously.

The following are members of the Special Building Committee as constituted under the foregoing resolution:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

“ Miss M. Andrews.

“ W. J. Colman.

“ Miss M. C. Ennis.

“ William Lawless.

Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

" Patrick McCarthy.

" Thomas Stafford.

Mr. John Cahill

Mr. John Jones.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 30th June, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

On Hospital Register at 31st May, 1957	Males	Females	Total
...	1,762	2,068	3,830
Admitted during month	72	72	144
	1,834	2,140	3,974

Discharged during month	M.	F.	T.
...	57	81	138
Died do.	7	5	12
Escaped do.	1	—	1
	65	86	151

Remaining on Hospital Register	1,769	2,054	3,823
Absent on trial and escape	31	32	63
Remaining in residence	1,738	2,022	3,760

DISTRIBUTION.

In Grangegorman	...	...	774	1,187	1,961
In Portrane	...	...	964	835	1,799
Total number resident as above			1,738	2,022	3,760

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	2,842
County Dublin ...	522
County Wicklow ...	339
Criminal Lunatics ...	40
Non-district patients ...	17
Total ...	3,760

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. Jones proposed and Councillor P. J. Bermingham seconded the adoption of Report No. 294 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 27th June, 1957.
Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

26th June, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Vero, Deputy Head Male Nurse, we visited Nos. 7 and 10 Divisions before lunch.

We also visited the Male Therapy Department, the Male Dining Hall, during first lunch, the kitchens, the Male Visiting Hall and the Pharmacy.

2. In the Visiting Hall we noticed the wall under the service counter was being damaged and we suggest that it should be protected as the plaster is cracking.

3. The new Pharmacy on the whole is very satisfactory but we suggest that a second hot water tap should be provided for bottle washing, etc.

4. All the wards looked bright and clean.

5. In the afternoon we visited the female workrooms, laundry and therapy. We saw the new Female Visiting Hall and No. 17 Division.

In this Division a number of the patients were being treated with Serpasil and were in good spirits.

6. There is a lack of staff in the laundry and we believe that further patients are required for training.

7. Nurse O'Neill, who accompanied us in the afternoon, was most helpful. We were pleased to hear that this Sister has been appointed Matron of Castlebar Mental Hospital. We are very sorry to lose her but we wish to offer her our congratulations.

W. J. COLMAN (*Chairman*).
ANTHONY LALOR.
MARY B. ANDREWS.
MARY C. ENNIS.

Order: See Par. 17 of the Manager's report of this date.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

24th June, 1957.

1. We, the undersigned, visited Portrane on Monday, 24th instant. On arrival we proceeded to No 10 Division where we interviewed some patients by whom such interviews were requested. One complained of the lack of variation in the diet. A change from fresh meat to bacon, he said, would be very welcome and from cabbage to other vegetables more frequently. He also complained of the quality of the eggs and of the serving of meals by patients without washing their hands and that chops supplied to himself were of inferior quality.

We inspected the food being served to a number of patients and could not find any justification for the complaints as far as quality or quantity was concerned, except the potatoes which were very poor but as the new potatoes are not yet available it is impossible to get old potatoes of good quality at this time of the year. The eggs we saw being served were first quality and the patient who complained was served with a good appetising chop.

Another patient complained of insufficient allowance of his money to purchase books and additional comforts, but while he could speak very intelligently his story of persecution and victimisation in his profession is a bit far fetched. The general conditions in this division are excellent.

2. We inspected No. 8 Division and found that in spite of the old unsuitable building all was in good order. The kitchen and the food were quite good, the patients quiet and the dormitories very clean and well aired.

3. In the Children's Division we were very pleased at the care and attention these poor children were getting at the hands of a very capable staff. They all appeared quite happy.

4. In the Women's Dining Hall we again noticed the poor quality of the potatoes. The meat and vegetables were well cooked and served in ample quantity. The Kitchen, undergoing some alterations, was in quite good order notwithstanding.

5. We inspected the Stores and were very pleased at the manner in which it is being run and at the fine stocks of good quality materials of all kinds which are dealt with there. The need for more shelving on one side of the Store might be examined with a view to having the work put in hands as soon as possible.

6. The Bakery appears to be well run by a very competent staff and the high quality bread produced is worthy of comment.

7. The Workshops presented a very satisfactory condition of things and we were really pleased at the volume of good work carried on.

8. We discussed the poor quality potatoes with the Acting R.M.S. and the Storekeeper with a view to having a talk with the Farm Manager about ways and means of ensuring adequate supplies of good potatoes in future.

We were rather surprised to find the Acting R.M.S. burdened with a considerable volume of clerical work in addition to his professional work and we are disappointed that nothing has been done to provide clerical assistance as recommended some considerable time ago. We would suggest that the medical staffing of Portrane is inadequate and we are of opinion that additional medical staff should be provided at an early date.

We deeply appreciate the help and courtesy of Dr. Hegarty and Dr. Harte.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

LIAM GAYNOR.

GILBERT HUGHES.

Order : Refer to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 15th August, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board :—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" W. Lawless.

" Mrs. Ledwidge.

" Mrs. Nix.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Counsellor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Mrs. C. Byrne.

" Mrs. Mulvey.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

12th July, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 30th ultimo 3,760 patients, viz.:

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	774	1,187	1,961
In Portrane	...	951	848	1,799
Total	...	1,725	2,035	3,760

as compared with:—

30th June, 1956	...	1,724	2,054	3,788
30th June, 1955	...	1,763	2,070	3,833
30th June, 1954	...	1,676	2,054	3,730
30th June, 1953	...	1,737	2,035	3,772

this year's number being 28 less than on the corresponding date last year and 12 less than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. During June, 1957, there were 72 male and 70 female patients admitted, total 142. 141 of these were chargeable

patients, of whom 73 were temporary, 48 were voluntary and 20 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There was also admitted one patient from Ballinasloe Mental Hospital for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. On the 7th June male patient N. O'T. (9596), a voluntary patient, was allowed out on pass from Grangegorman in the care of a relative and did not return.

On the 14th June male patient M. McN. (11761), a voluntary patient, was allowed out on pass and did not return.

On the 20th June male patient S. O'H. (11710), escaped from No. 6 Division by breaking a window in the toilet. He was located in his home that evening and brought back to the hospital. This patient escaped again the following day from No. 10 Division but was apprehended before he reached his home.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes.

5. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.*—On the 17th June male patient T.K. (11345), while undergoing insulin coma therapy had an epileptiform fit. He later complained of a pain in his back and an X-Ray showed wedging of 4th and 5th dorsal vertebrae with a possible fracture of the 4th dorsal vertebra. He was attended to by a surgeon from an extern hospital.

On the 29th June male patient J. McG (10097) was found by a male nurse in the lavatory of No. 5 Hospital Division with both wrists cut and a slight scratch on the neck. There was no injury to any arteries or tendons.

On the 28th June female patient P.M. (9335) complained of abrasion of her left big toe. The nurse in charge stated that the patient had twisted her toe the previous morning coming from the bathroom but she made no complaint until the 28th. The patient was sent for an X-Ray which showed a fracture of the terminal phalanx without deformity, for which she was treated.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. Accidents to Patients, Portrane.—On the 20th June male patient T.D. (7538), aged 74 years, when getting out of a night-chair, slipped and fell against it sustaining a fracture of the right hip. He was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment.

On the 4th June female patient M.V. (41484) aged 65 years, slipped and fell on the floor in No. 1 Division. She sustained a colles fracture of the right wrist and was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.—Attendant J.M. has been off duty since 5th July with an injury to his right ankle sustained when playing football for the hospital team on the 4th.

Nurse T.D. returned from leave on the 6th with his left arm in plaster-of-paris, as a result of a fall which he sustained while at home.

Nurse M.F. has been absent on sick leave since the 19th June with a fractured wrist caused by a fall when she was on leave.

A number of other accidents to members of the Grangegorman staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Temporary Attendant D.G. was absent from the 22nd June to the 24th June with a sprained ankle sustained while on leave.

F.K. temporary painter, received a severe shaking and slight injury on the 28th June when a ladder on which he was working slipped. He was absent from work on the following day.

9. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 6th June by Councillors Colman, Ellis and Mrs. Byrne, the Clerk of Works has attended to the repair of the floor of the Male General Dining Hall, referred to in Paragraph 5 of the Visiting Members' report.

10. Arrangements are being made to have the usual circus performances for patients in Grangegorman and Portrane this month. The cost of the performances is £60 for Grangegorman and £50 for Portrane, which is defrayed from the profits of the Canteen.

11. The Board's Architect reports that he has examined the walls which support the tower over No. 25 Division in the North Dublin Union Annexe. The internal walls which support three sides of the tower appear to be in good structural condition but the external wall beneath the pediment is bulged outwards both horizontally and vertically, and in the Architect's opinion likely to become dangerous. In order to prepare a detailed report and estimate of the cost of remedying this condition, it will be necessary to erect a temporary scaffolding and I have approved of this being done.

12. An order made by the Minister for Industry and Commerce on the 1st May increased the maximum wholesale price of sugar from 59s. 6d. to 64s. 2d. per cwt. from that date. The contractors for the supply of sugar to the Board's hospitals during the period ending 30th September next have claimed an increase of 4s. 8d. a cwt. on the contract price. I have granted this increase in accordance with the terms of their contract. The increase involves an additional expenditure of approximately £260 per annum.

13. I have received a circular letter from the Department of Health giving a reminder that it is the policy of the Government to ensure that, to the utmost practicable extent, native fuel will be used in preference to other fuels in local authority hospitals and requesting that steps be taken to ensure that this is done. The Clerk of Works and Chief Engineer recommend that as in previous years approximately 4,500 tons of turf briquettes be purchased this year and they advise me that this is the maximum practicable extent to which native fuel can be used in the Board's hospitals. I am reporting to the Department of Health accordingly.

14. The approved rate of wages for fuel workers employed at Portrane is that for the time being applicable to road workers employed by the Dublin County Council. The Council increased the rate paid to their road workers from £6 1s. a week to £6 5s. 6d. a week, with effect from 1st January, 1957, and I request the Board's consent to a similar increase for the fuel workers at Portrane. The additional cost in the current financial year will be £45.

15. For some time past it has been necessary to employ temporarily two additional clerk-typists in the offices at Grangegorman to cope with the increased volume of work. A special survey of the typing and minor clerical work has

been undertaken recently to determine the permanent need for additional assistance. Certain alterations in methods have been suggested which are expected to ease the pressure of work but the survey is still proceeding. In the meantime, it is clear that one of the temporary posts of clerk-typist should be made permanent and I would ask the Board to consent to this increase in the number of authorised permanent offices.

E. O. CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

18th July, 1957.

16. Male patient J.K. (11704) was admitted at about 4.00 p.m. on 7th June with a head injury stated to be due to a fall from a bicycle. He had been treated in the Central Hospital, Galway, and later in Ballinasloe Mental Hospital from whence he was transferred to Grangegorman. He was seen by a Visiting Surgeon on the day of his arrival who arranged for his admission to St. Laurence's Hospital for investigation the following morning. The patient, however, died at 6.00 a.m. on 8th June.

An inquest was held at Grangegorman on 16th July by the City Coroner with a Jury. A verdict was returned that death was due to fracture of the skull, thrombosis of the pulmonary vessels and broncho-pneumonia, resulting from injuries received when the deceased fell accidentally from his bicycle on 20th May, 1957, at Moyallen, Co. Galway.

17. With reference to the inspection carried out at Grangegorman on 26th June by Councillors Colman, Andrews, Ennis and Mr. A. Lalor, I have to report:—

Item 2. The damage to the wall under the service counter in the Male Visiting Hall is being attended to.

Item 3. A second water heater has been installed recently in the Pharmacy.

Item 6. There are approximately 40 patients working in the Laundry and every effort is made to keep up the number.

18. On the recommendations of the Clerk of Works and the Chief Engineer, the following tenders have been accepted for coal, being the lowest received in response to public advertisement:—

Tedcastle McCormick & Co., Ltd.

200 tons Welsh steam coal at £8 17s. 1d. per ton delivered Grangegorman.

P. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd.

150 tons Scotch steam coal at £6 13s. 3d. per ton delivered Grangegorman.

50 tons English steam coal at £6 5s. 10d. per ton delivered Grangegorman.

200 tons Scotch steam coal at £6 13s. 3d. per ton delivered Portrane.

E. O. CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made therein:—

Par. 14. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Denis Larkin, "That the Board consents to the increase in the rate of wages payable to Fuel Workers at Portrane, as set out in Par. 14 of the Manager's Report."

Passed unanimously.

Par. 15. Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor D. Larkin, "That the Board consents to the Manager's proposal to increase the number of authorised permanent offices by one Clerk-Typist."

Passed unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

In accordance with Notice, Councillor G. Hughes moved :—
"That the Rules for Committees as set out in Printed Report No. 291 and adopted by the Board at its meeting on 20th June, 1957, be amended by the substitution for Paragraph 1 (ii) of the following words :—

1 (ii) The Chairman of the Board shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of every Standing Committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board from any meeting of a Standing Committee, another member of the Committee shall be appointed Chairman for that meeting."

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Jones.

A poll was taken and the voting was as follows :—

For the Motion :—Alderman Mrs. Lynch, Councillors Hughes, Macken, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Dignam, Messrs. Chase, Jones, Roulaton and Gaynor (10).

Against the Motion :—Councillors Conway, Larkin, Mrs. Mulvey, Miss Andrews, Miss Etnis, Lawless and Mrs. Ledwidge, Messrs. Lalor, O'Reilly and Smithers (10).

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution and it was declared carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters from the Corporation of Dublin (dated 2nd July, 1957), from the Dublin County Council (dated 3rd July, 1957) and from the Wicklow County Council (dated 2nd July, 1957) advising the names of the persons appointed to represent them on the Grangeegorman Mental Hospital Board during the ensuing years, viz. :—

DUBLIN CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES (28).

- Alderman Thomas Byrne, T.D., P.C., 46 Braemor Road, Rathmines, Dublin.
- " Mrs. Ceila Lynch, T.D., 156 Botanic Road, Glasnevin, Dublin.
- Councillor James Carroll, T.D., P.C., Lord Mayor, Mansion House, Dublin.
- " Patrick J. Birmingham, 10 Norwood Park, Sandford Road, Dublin.
- " Robert Ellis, 20 Victoria Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin.
- " Roland Burgess, P.C., 98 Walkinstown Road, Dublin.
- " Mrs. Catherine Byrne, 5 Seafort Terrace, Sandymount, Dublin.
- " William J. Colman, P.C., F.W.C.F., 6 Garville Road, Rathgar, Dublin.
- " Bernard Conway, 7a Countess Markievicz House, Townsend Street, Dublin.
- " Denis Delaney, 13 Aughrim Street, Dublin.
- " Gilbert Hughes, 24 Cill Eanna, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin.
- " Con Lehane, 1 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.
- " Denis Larkin, T.D., 10 Marino Park, Fairview, Dublin.
- " Dr. Christopher A. Macken, 329 North Circular Road, Dublin.
- " Daniel Joseph Morris, 30 Leinster Ave., North Strand, Dublin.
- " Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., 62 Cabra Road, Dublin.

Councillor Senator James Joseph O'Keeffe, P.C.,
138 Sundrive Road, Crumlin.

„ Thomas Stafford, P.C., 60 North Strand
Road, Dublin.

„ Eugene Timmons, P.C., 42 Copeland
Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin.

Mr. John Cahill, 30 Croagh Patrick Road, Dublin.

Mr. William Chase, 30 Cabra Park, Dublin.

Mr. John Jones, 1 Hughes Road, South., Walkins-
town, Dublin.

Mr. Anthony Lalor, 103 Weirview Drive, Stillorgan,
Co. Dublin.

Mr. Roland Roulston, 72 Home Farm Road, Drum-
condra, Dublin.

Mr. Michael McStay, 20 Shanglas Road, Whitehall,
Dublin.

Mr. Liam Gaynor, 117 Home Farm Road, Drum-
condra, Dublin.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, 283 Clontarf Road, Dublin.

Mr. John Smithers, 36 Churchtown Great, Milltown,
Co. Dublin.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (5).

Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Main Street,
Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

„ Miss Mary B. Andrews, Main Street,
Rush, Co. Dublin.

„ H. P. Dockrell, " Birnam," Adelaide
Road, Glenageary.

„ H. Dignam, P.C., Yellow Walls, Mala-
hide, Co. Dublin.

„ Miss Mary C. Ennis, Spring Hill, Garris-
town, Co. Dublin.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (3).

Councillor William Lawless, Cooldross, Kilcoole,
Co. Wicklow.

" Mrs. M. Ledwidge, 29 Dargan Street,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

" P. McCarthy, 43 Rory O'Connor Place,
Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 296.

25th July, 1957

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 25th day of July, 1957, Councillor E. Timmops (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present :—Councillors Miss Mary Andrews, W. J. Colman, Bernard Conway, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Wm. Lawless, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Messrs. William Chase, Anthony Lakor, T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers. Mr. James Mahony was also in attendance.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER, PORTRANE.

25th July, 1957.

1. Since my last report of the 27th ultimo milk supplies have been well maintained and there have been full supplies available for both Hospitals, with some surplus which has been fed with advantage to the pigs. Cows and heifers are calving down steadily. At present Grangegorman is receiving 287 gallons and Portrane 276 gallons daily.

The present daily average yield from 256 milking cows is 2.25 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with last month.

			<i>This month.</i>	<i>Last month.</i>
Over 6 gallons	...	...	1	—
5 to 6 "	...	...	3	4
4 " 5 "	...	...	15	13
3 " 4 "	...	...	48	45
2 " 3 "	...	...	91	94
1 " 2 "	...	...	78	76
Under 1 gallon	...	...	20	23
			—	—
TOTAL	...	...	256	255

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases; (b) sales of livestock during the month of June:—

			<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Average per beast.</i>
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) 49 sheep	...	...	366 11 0	7 9 7

(b) Twenty-six calves were sold at the following prices:— 9 at £9; 3 at £10; 1 at £13; 1 at £13 10s. 0d.; 2 at £14; 7 at £15; 1 at £16; and 2 for £30 18s. 0d.; total, £317 8s. 0d. 3 milch cows were sold for £155 7s. 0d. nett at Messrs. Gavin Law's weekly sales.

Fifty-four bonhams were sold at the following prices:— 44 at £6 10s. 0d. each; and 10 at £6 each; total, £346. 4 fat sows were sold for £109 2s. 4d. nett on the Dublin Market.

3. *Mastitis*.—A few cases of clinical mastitis occurred on all farms and all responded to the usual treatment with the exception of one dry cow which calved down with chronic

Summer Mastitis. This animal, which was losing two quarters was slaughtered. In addition to the cows two springing heifers and one yearling heifer were also affected—these are receiving veterinary attention and it is hoped that they will respond.

4. Grass.—With the change in weather conditions there are now ample supplies of grass available on all farms and, hence, since the last meeting very little manuring of the pastures was required. It appears that there will be no scarcity of grass during late Summer and early Autumn.

5. Crops.—Potato digging commenced on the 1st instant and to date approximately 6½ acres have been dug. The first field—a 5½ acre field of Epicurus and Homoguards—yielded 38 tons 13 cwt., giving an average yield of approximately 7 tons per statute acre. All the crop has now been sprayed once and is now receiving a second application. The weeding and moulding of the crop has been completed. The last few fields planted turned out very dirty, and the weeding of these involved much labour.

Silage making is being continued at Portrane and Turvey farms. With the present unsuitable hay weather, this is the most advantageous way of conserving surplus grass. The silo pit at Portrane is well filled and could be sealed off after a few more acres have been ensiled there, while the pit at Turvey is far from being filled, so that silage-making can be continued for some time yet on this farm. While a big acreage of grass has been set aside for hay, the recent rains have prevented the cutting of same except for 7 acres at Turvey farm.

6. Santry Court.—Grass on this farm has made such satisfactory growth that a further 9 acres were set aside for

hay. To date 36 acres have been cut for hay, of which 30 acres have been secured safely despite very unsuitable weather conditions.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 2 horses, 73 calves, 83 yearling heifers and 7 two-year-old heifers.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Pars. 1 to 5.—Noted.

Par. 6.—Arising out of complaints by the Agricultural Manager of trespass and pilferage at Santry Court, it was recommended that a telephone be installed in the Gardener's House and that a Kerry Blue dog be provided for him.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

25th July, 1957.

1. Vegetable Fields.—All crops are making satisfactory progress. The weeding and thinning of 10 acres of root crops was completed this week. Eight acres cabbage, 2 acres broccoli, 1 acre brussel sprouts and 1½ acre leeks were also planted during the past four weeks.

At the moment more ground is being prepared for the planting of savoy cabbage and late broccoli.

Matured Crops.—I have a good supply of cabbage and I hope to be lifting early sown swede turnips in next few weeks. Approximately 1 ton of peas was picked and delivered to the kitchens during the past two weeks.

2. *Kitchen Gardens and Recreation Grounds.*—The picking of soft fruits was completed a week ago. Apple and pear trees have received their fifth application of spray. Sowings of lettuce, turnips, parsley and flowering biennials were made during the past month. Seasoning vegetables are supplied daily, lettuce and scallions twice weekly to the kitchens. All flower beds and recreation grounds are kept in good order.

GRANGEORMAN.

3. During the past month the work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of picking peas, planting Brussel sprouts, thinning and weeding onions, spraying carrots with T.V.O., planting flower beds, sowing beetroot and lettuce and general care of all recreation grounds.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDENS.

11th July, 1957.

1. On Thursday 11th July we visited Portrane Farms. We met Mr. Vaughan at Turvey where all the stock was out. It was a very wet day and conditions were unpleasant. We were pleased to note that farm operations were well advanced. We saw the new Ferguson tractor which should prove a great addition to our farm Manager.

2. We then visited Ballymastone where we were fortunate in seeing the bulk of the cows out on grass. They are indeed

an excellent herd. We also saw the younger calves here. The predominance of Friesian stock is well marked.

3. At Portrane farmyard we were unable to visit the piggeries because of the swine-fever regulations but it appears, from office reports, that the standard is being well maintained. In spite of the very late sowings we were very pleased to learn that potato digging was well under way and that the crop was satisfactory.

4. We visited the gardens but due to the extremely bad conditions very little outdoor work was being undertaken but everything seemed satisfactory.

5. We wish to thank Mr. Vaughan for his help during the inspection.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.
ANTHONY LALOR.
EUGENE TIMMONS.
W. CHASE.

Order.—Noted.

OBSERVATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON FARM COSTS FOR YEAR 1955/56.

In the summary of the working of the farms as a whole given on Page 46 of the Agricultural Manager's report for the year 1955/56, it is indicated that the profit for the year amounted to £6,568. The profit for the previous year was £3,111. There was, therefore, an increase in profit for the year now under review over that of the preceding year to the amount of £3,457.

A substantial portion of the increase in profits over that of the previous year was made on the potato crop. There were also good profits made on pigs, wheat and barley. The amount of the profits secured during the years in question on these items are indicated beneath:—

Item	Profit	
	1955/56	1954/55
	£	£
Wheat	2,844	2,661
Potatoes	5,249	3,275
Barley	686	200
Pigs	3,036	2,482
	<hr/> £11,815	<hr/> £8,818

The amount of the increase in profit for the four items under review therefore totalled £3,197.

In the Meat Supply Section of the farm activities there was a loss in 1954/55 of £856. In the year 1955/56 now under review there was a profit of £610. The change made by the Board in September, 1955, to discontinue the purchase of bull-ocks in the Dublin Market, in the interest of disease control was in my opinion a very wise one. Such untested animals passing through the farms were a source of danger no matter what precautions were taken to avoid contact with the disease free cattle on the farm. Apart from the question of disease control the change over from the purchase of live cattle to the purchase of beef under contract is likely to react favourably from the financial point of view.

The satisfactory financial position of the farms as a whole as already indicated was due largely to the high level of production secured from the lands under the Board's control.

A list of the main items of output with the total value of each item in the year 1955/56 and 1954/55 is given beneath:—

Item	Value	
	1955/56	1954/55
	£	£
Milk	26,054	25,474
Pigs	7,375	6,476
Potatoes	14,394	11,650
Wheat	5,837	5,054
Barley	1,256	623
Horticultural Produce ...	7,384	7,000
TOTALS ...	£62,300	£56,277

The above figures reveal an increase in the value of produce for the items enumerated to the extent of £6,023. The total value of produce to the extent of £62,300 under the six heads above from the 890 acres of land under the Board's control amounted to £70 per statute acre.

It will be observed from the above figures that the potato and corn crops were very substantial sources of profit. The yields from these crops per statute acre, the value of the output and the profit margin are given beneath:—

Crop.	Profit per acre.	Yield per acre.
Potatoes ...	£55	8.36 tons
Wheat ...	£24 10s.	13.5 barrels
Barley ...	£28	19.3 barrels

While the position as regards crop production is most satisfactory, the milk production position shows a substantial loss. The Agricultural Manager's report as presented shows

a total loss in milk production of £4,696. The cost of production per gallon amounted to 35.4d. The loss in production per cow came to £13 and the loss per gallon to 5.4d. The loss per gallon in the previous year was .73.

As stated by the Agricultural Manager in Page 14 of his report the increase in production costs was incurred under the heading of herd replacement. The cause of this rather considerable increase was the lower values placed on the dairy cows and replacement heifers at the end of the year following the downward trend in cattle prices in the open market towards the latter period of the year under review.

A more detailed examination of the valuation of the cows and heifers in the herd reveals that the cows were valued by the Stocktaker at £57 1s. each at the opening valuation and at £54 8s. each at the closing valuation. This represents a depreciation in value to the extent of £2 13s. per cow. In the case of the heifer the animals were valued at £38 each at the opening valuation and at £30 10s. each at the closing valuation. This amounts to a depreciation of £7 10s. per heifer on the farms.

The reductions in values per head for cows and heifers as indicated in the preceding paragraph totalled in the case of cows a drop in value to the extent of £908 for the entire herd. In the case of the heifers the reduction in value amounted to £2,148 between the opening and closing valuations. Had a uniform system of valuation been adopted and values per head taken at the same for opening and closing valuations the value of the entire herd of 343 cows at the closing valuation would be increased from £18,660 as estimated by the Stocktaker to £19,568 3s. In the case of the heifers the total value of the 288 animals in stock would have appreciated from £8,796 as estimated by the Stocktaker to £10,944.

If market trends for ordinary commercial cattle had been ignored and the cows and heifers had been valued at the same rate for opening and closing valuation the total value for cows and heifers on the 31st March, 1956, would have amounted to £3,058 more than the figures used in the report in estimating the cost of producing milk.

The adoption of current market values at the time of stocktaking gives rise to some absurdities. For instance the cows and heifers purchased in 1955/56 cost £71 10s. each while those purchased in the previous year cost £64 16s. each. This would indicate an upward trend in value per head at the end of the year rather than a fairly substantial depreciation. The home bred heifers entering the herd during the year were costed at £95 per head as against £54 16s. 6d. for the previous year. It is obvious that no such alteration took place in the value of the animals in question.

The question of evaluating breeding stock when stocktaking at the beginning and end of each year under any cost of production scheme is one that has been examined in detail by Agricultural Economists in many countries. The findings by such authorities are generally unfavourable towards the adoption of open market values for the reason that market values for commercial stock fluctuate rather widely at times as has happened in this country in recent years. Under this system rather unrealistic figures for production costs are obtained as has now happened in arriving at the cost of production milk on the Portrane farms.

The method of evaluating breeding stock that meets with the most approval nowadays is to adhere as far as possible to flat rates for the opening and closing valuations. The Central Statistical office in this country for instance in carrying

out the Farm Survey Scheme adopted flat rates for the opening and closing valuations. The Agricultural Economists in England and Scotland use cost of production figures as far as possible in arriving at the value of breeding heifers. In the case of dairy cows if the animals are purchased they are valued at cost price, or cost price less a small percentage, at the subsequent stocktaking and remain at that figure during their time in the herd. A flat rate of evaluation is maintained for all other animals in the herd. Under both the methods outlined extreme changes in the cost of herd replacement are avoided.

In view of what has been stated in the preceding paragraphs it is obvious that the reductions in valuations for cows and heifers made in March, 1956, were attributable to open market fluctuations at the period and reacted very unfavourably on milk production costs. It is suggested that a more realistic approach to the problem of costs would be to adopt the flat rate method of evaluation for both cows and heifers in the herd. Should this be agreed to the closing valuation for cows and heifers would be increased by £3,056. This alteration would reduce the cost of producing milk by approximately 3½d. per gallon and would bring down the cost of production to about 2½d. per gallon. In these circumstances the loss in milk production would be reduced from £4,696 to £1,640, and the profits on the farms as a whole would be increased from £6,568 as indicated earlier in this report to £9,624.

The price of 2½d. per gallon allowed for milk produced on the farms and supplied to the Hospitals is one that might I suggest be reconsidered by the Board. It was I understand decided on some years ago when production costs were much lower than they are today. The milk now produced on the farms is almost the equivalent of Highest Grade Milk which has a market value at the moment of 3¼d. to 3½d. per

gallon. It is, therefore, not possible to obtain Highest Grade Milk at 2/6d. per gallon. Even the ordinary pasteurised milk is not available at 2/6d. per gallon. The delivered price for the latter to some City Hospitals under existing contracts is, I understand, 2/7½d. per gallon. This is approximately the price at which Highest Grade Milk is produced on the Board's farms for delivery to the Hospital at Portrane and Grangeegorman.

Should the suggestion of a revision of the milk price be accepted and an increase of say 6d. per gallon over the present price be decided on the whole financial position of the farms would be altered materially. Had a price of 3/- per gallon been in operation during the costing year now under discussion the profit from the farms would be increased to the extent of £5,200.

While milk was produced on the Board's farms during the year under review at a substantially lower price than milk of an equivalent quality could be purchased under contract, the cost of production is still too high. The main cause of this is the low average milk yield of the herd. This low yield problem is one that has been with us for years and is due to the inclusion in the herd of too large a proportion of low yielding cows in the animals purchased in the open market.

Although the average milk yield per cow in the herd during 1955/56 was under the 600 gallon level the yield of 553 gallons obtained from Friesian heifers was reasonably good. This may be regarded as promising particularly as many of these heifers calved down before reaching the age of 2½ years.

The policy adopted in recent years by the Board of establishing a self contained herd thus eliminating the undesirable procedure of purchasing commercial animals in the open market has already achieved a large measure of success. The stage has now been reached when almost all replacements can be made from home bred stock. As these home bred

heifers are in a fairly advanced stage in the process of grading up to the pure-bred Friesian type through succession crossings with high class Friesian bulls, they are almost certain to raise substantially the average yield of the herd and thus reduce by a good margin the cost per gallon of producing milk.

The disease position during 1955/56 gave rise to some anxiety owing to the large number of reactors to the tuberculin test. The probable causes of these unfavourable results were (a) the purchase of untested animals for slaughter and (b) a doubtful water supply at the Santry Farm. As already pointed out the purchase of untested stock for slaughter has been discontinued by the Board and a much improved water supply has been installed at the Santry Farm. It is satisfactory to know that in the most recent half yearly T.B. tests carried out on all animals on the farms the reactors were down to slightly over one per cent.

The overall position in the working of the lands under the Board's control during the year reported on was in my opinion quite satisfactory. Production, already high, was further increased largely through the generous but judicious use of fertilisers. Milk of the highest standard in quality was supplied to the Hospitals at a price substantially lower than the price at which it could be secured under contract. As well as supplying high grade foods to the Hospitals in large quantities the Board had an actual profit of £9,624 on the year's transactions.

J. MAHONY.

4th June, 1957.

Order.—Noted. Mr. Mahony was complimented on his comprehensive observations on the Farm Costing Report.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 22nd August, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ W. J. Colman.

„ Miss M. C. Ennis.

Mr. W. Chase.

It was decided that the Visiting Members should rotate in alphabetical order.

A letter dated 20th July from Councillor Miss Mary Andrews resigning her position on the Committee in favour of Councillor Joseph Dignam was referred to the Board.

K. KEANE,

Acting Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 297.

15th August, 1957.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 15th day of August, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

City of Dublin Representatives.—Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, R. Ellis, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Messrs. William Chase, Anthony Lalor, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews, J. Dignam, P.C., and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors William Lawless, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for their inability to attend were received from Councillors J. Carroll (Lord Mayor) and T. Stafford and Mr. John Cahill.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 295 of the 18th July, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st July, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 30/6/57 ...	1,769	2,054	3,823
Admitted during month ...	79	84	163
	<u>1,848</u>	<u>2,138</u>	<u>3,986</u>

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged			
during month	65	65	130
Died do.	11	5	16
Escaped do.	—	—	—
	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>146</u>
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,772	2,068	3,840
Absent on trial and escape	40	30	70
Remaining in residence	<u>1,732</u>	<u>2,038</u>	<u>3,770</u>

DISTRIBUTION.

In Grangegorman ...	...	...	778	1,210	1,988
In Portrane ...	...	...	954	828	1,782
Total number resident as above	...	...	<u>1,732</u>	<u>2,038</u>	<u>3,770</u>

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	2,855
County Dublin	...	519
County Wicklow	...	335
Criminal Lunatics	...	41
Non-district patients	...	20
Total		...
		3,770

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded the adoption of Report No. 296 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th July, 1957.

Passed unanimously.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—GRANGEGORMAN.

1st August, 1957.

1. We visited Grangegorman on Thursday, August 1st. With Miss Sharkey, Matron, we first went to the Laundry, about which we had received complaints of understaffing. Patients had gone to their dinner when we arrived. We were informed that the Laundry is run by six nurses, assisted by 34 patients. Some 15,000 articles are laundered each week, and having regard to the large volume of work done, we believe that an effort should be made to improve matters, as obviously there is not sufficient help available to deal adequately with this important work. We suggest that the working of the Laundry be reviewed with a view to easing the burden of those presently engaged, and in this connection

consideration should be given to the appointment of a qualified Laundress. We were shown baskets containing freshly ironed articles of clothing for the staff, and despite the difficulties, the standard of work turned out compares very favourably with the work of commercial laundries.

2. We then visited Divisions Nos. 11, 14, 18, 24, 25 and 27. Most of the patients were having dinner, and all appeared to be enjoying their meal. We did not receive any complaints. Many of the patients had a warm greeting for Miss Sharkey, who is very popular with them.

3. We observed that the dormitory in No. 11 Division is in urgent need of re-decoration. We recommend the removal of an old range in No. 18 Division, and its substitution by a modern heating unit. The present range is most uneconomical, as it is heavy on fuel.

4. We were impressed by the high standard of cleanliness throughout the Divisions. Those Divisions which have been re-decorated within recent months look very well, and the furnishings, including the provision of curtains and lamp shades, lend a pleasing appearance to them. We understand that Dr. McCarthy is mainly responsible for the introduction of the scheme of contemporary decoration and furnishings; and he is to be congratulated on his initiative.

5. After lunch with Mr. Vero, Deputy Head Nurse, we visited No. 6 Division and No. 5 (Hospital). We were also shown over the operating theatre. We were approached by patient J. F. T. (Div. 9) seeking his discharge.

6. We visited the new pharmacy, and were glad to note that the facilities which it affords is being availed of for stocks of medicines and other requirements of the institution.

We wish to thank all who facilitated us in the course of our inspection. Councillor Mrs. Nix conveyed her apologies for her inability to be present.

EUGENE TIMMONS,
MARY LEDWIDGE,
WILLIAM LAWLESS.

Order : Referred to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

8th August, 1957.

1. An Inspection was carried out at Portrane Mental Hospital on Thursday, 8th August. As all arrangements had been made to pay our visit on this date and as no other date was suitable before the next monthly meeting, we went as arranged.

2. The Stair in the Nurses' Home, about which there has been so much discussion, is now quite all right in our opinion.

3. On visiting the Main Kitchen we were amazed to find that work begun weeks ago is still undone, and pieces of brick and stone are lying around looking most unsightly and rather dangerous. We wonder when the completion of the work will be carried out.

4. The "Fish Fryer" has been installed between 2 doors and is most awkward. We wonder why Miss Kelly is not consulted before any piece of apparatus is installed in the Kitchen.

5. In the Dining Room we saw, first lunch served, and an excellent meal it was—the best we have seen for a long time.

6. Could the walls in the Bread room be tiled and a new floor put in? The whole room looks ugly and dirty. Surely, where bread is kept, a room should be done up in such a manner as to make cleaning easy. At present it never looks clean.

7. The tables in the Dining Room need re-covering. The covering at the moment is of an inferior type and many tables were broken and untidy. We suggest that some other type of table covering be used.

8. The Male and Female Hospitals were spick and span and all the patients most comfortable.

9. The Male Hospital needs a new Sink and Draining Boards, as the wooden ones at present in use are quite out of date. The sink is leaking and to repair it would be a waste of time and money. Replacements are needed badly.

10. In the Men's Workshops there is no Sink where patients may wash their hands. We suggest one sink at least should be installed in a place most convenient to the workers.

11. The Shoemaker's shop needs re-decorating. This could be placed in next year's estimates as at present it is very dirty looking.

12. The playground in the Children's Division is much too small and as there is plenty of land around, we suggest the present playground might be enlarged and Dr. Aird consulted.

13. In No. 8 Kitchen we understand the various Boilers have to be removed. As the walls had to be broken down to instal the apparatus, they will have to be broken down again

to remove same. We wonder why the Board is never consulted about such matters, as this is surely a waste of money. Perhaps the Manager will give us some information.

We thank Doctors Aird and Meenan for their kindness in accompanying us through the various Divisions.

MARY MULVEY,
CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order : Referred to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 19th September, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board.

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Miss M. Andrews.

" P. Bermingham.

" Mrs. C. Byrne.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Denis Larkin.

" William Lawless.

Mr. Anthony Lalor.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

9th August, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 31st ultimo 3,770 patients, viz. :—

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	778	1,210	1,988
In Portrane	...	939	843	1,782
Total	...	1,717	2,053	3,770

as compared with —

31st July, 1956	...	1,744	2,076	3,820
31st July, 1955	...	1,752	2,057	3,809
31st July, 1954	...	1,742	2,036	3,778
31st July, 1953	...	1,685	2,063	3,748

this Year's number being 50 less than on the corresponding date last year and 22 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. During July 1957, there were 78 male and 86 female patients admitted—Total 164. 159 of these were chargeable patients, of whom 87 were temporary, 48 were voluntary, and 24 were persons of unsound mind. There were also admitted 3 Temporary Private Patients and 2 Patients for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, from Enniscorthy and Ballinasloe Mental Hospitals.

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S., and Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. On 10th July male patient P.C. (11931) a voluntary patient left St. Patrick's Ward, Grangegorman. He was returned the same evening in company of his wife on a Temporary Form.

On 13th July male patient J. F. (11335) Grangegorman, a voluntary patient failed to return from pass. He reported back to Hospital next day.

On 22nd July male patient P. C. (11879) Grangegorman, a voluntary patient failed to return from a two-day pass. He was re-admitted on 24th July on a Temporary Form.

On 23rd July male patient J. P. (11582) Grangegorman, a temporary patient failed to return off day pass. The escape has been reported to the Minister for Health.

On 26th July male patients W. K. (11803) and J. McG. (11925), Grangegorman escaped from No. 7 Division. They were brought back from their homes in Cabra within two hours.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes.

5. On 15th July male patient P. O'D. (9163) Portrane, was allowed out on parole to Dublin and failed to return. The usual enquiries were made without result and the Gardai notified.

On 23rd July male patient J. O'B. (3331) Portrane, a liberty patient, did not turn into supper at 5.45 p.m. At approximately 11.15 p.m. a phone message was received from the Gardai at Skerries that the patient had been located there. Two male nurses were dispatched by car and brought him back to the Hospital at 1.00 a.m.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no negligence can be attributed to the nursing staff in connection with these escapes.

6. With reference to my report of 20th June regarding the death of male patient L.H. (42883) the Coroner has since issued a death certificate stating that the patient died of pulmonary oedema and congestion and left ventricular failure. He did not deem an inquest necessary.

7. On the morning of 25th July at 5.45 a.m. Male Nurse Hickey who was on night duty in No. 6 Division in Portrane, in the course of his rounds, found patient J. A. (36372) apparently dead. Dr. M. Conway was immediately called and confirmed that life was extinct. The patient had been under medical observation previously. The facts were reported to the Coroner who did not deem an inquest necessary.

On 25th July male patient P. K. (41095) aged about 61 years died suddenly in St. Patrick's Ward, Grangegorman. On the instruction of the Coroner a Post-Mortem examination was carried out. The cause of death was Coronary Occlusion. The Coroner did not deem an inquest necessary.

8 *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.*

On 12th July female patient O. B. (2185) was struck by an impulsive epileptic patient on the nose. X-ray examination showed crack fracture of nasal bone without displacement.

On 2nd August, female patient E. B. (8776) was attacked by another patient while on the Recreation grounds. She was knocked down and received a deep wound in her head. She was immediately attended by a medical officer.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

9. *Accidents to Patients, Portrane.*

On 16th July male patient J. McG. (38500) aged 80 years, who suffers from chronic arthritis and who gets around with the aid of a chair, slipped and fell in No 6. Division dayroom, sustaining a fracture of the upper third of the shaft of the left femur.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

10. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.*

Attendant A. J. M. was off duty from 19th to 24th July, inclusive, with an injury to her thumb sustained when attacked by a patient.

Attendant M. H. was struck on the mouth by a patient on 17th July, but was not off duty.

Attendant P. McM. received a severe injury to her hand when brushing up broken glass while on duty on 13th July.

Attendant N. F. has been off duty since 23rd July with an injury to her foot sustained when she hit it against a box outside the female case room.

Nurse C. E. injured her right ankle while on long day leave on 23rd July. She reported that she fell when getting off a bus. She is expected to resume duty in a few days.

Nurse N. H. has been off duty since 31st July with a sprained ankle sustained when crossing a gate while off duty.

Nurse C. T. has been off duty since 3rd August with an injury to her hand sustained when she caught it in the bread machine in No. 22a Division kitchen.

Nurse N. P. has been off duty since 3rd instant with an injury to her right thumb sustained when picking up pieces of a broken bowl in the patient's dining hall.

Nurse A. T. M. has been off duty since 2nd instant with an injury to her right hand sustained when separating two patients.

11. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*

Nurse M. T. was off duty from 9th to 17th July, inclusive, with an injury to his knee sustained when playing football for the Hospital team.

J. O'C. temporary agricultural worker received a severe foot injury on 4th July, when the iron drawbar of a tractor trailer fell on his left foot and severely crushed it. I am informed that the first joint of two of his toes have been amputated.

A number of other accidents to members of the staff at Portrane were reported which did not cause incapacity.

12. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the Tender of Messrs. Doherty for 50 tons Castle-comer anthracite beans at £11 7s. 6d. per ton.

13. The approval of the Minister for Health has been received to the construction of a new Potato Store at Turvey Farm as proposed at an estimated cost of £960.

14. On the recommendation of the Architect I have approved of the purchase from the Standard Electrical and Engineering Co., Ltd., of fittings and fireproof curtains for the sum of £135 10s. 0d. for the New Female Visiting Hall.

15. With reference to the Report of Inspection of Portrane on 24th June last :

Par. 5. An estimate of the cost of additional shelving in the balcony in the stores is being obtained.

Par. 8. (1) The Agricultural Manager has agreed that the difference between requirements of potatoes and the amount which can be grown on the farms be met by purchasing supplies earlier when the quality of the purchased potatoes is good and to

store the farm supplies until the end of the season.
(ii) and (iii) The Chief R.M.S. has been asked for a report regarding the necessity or otherwise of increasing the number of medical officers at Portrane.

16. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Portrane, I have approved of the Purchase from Messrs. Peerless, Ltd., of a Potato peeler and Peel Trap for £216 12s. 6d.

17. On the recommendation of the Chief R.M.S. I have approved of the holding of the Annual Sports at Grangegorman on 23rd and 24th August, 1957.

18. The Federation of Rural Workers submitted, some considerable time ago, a claim for increased wages for Farm Workers, employed by the Board. A full report on the claim will be submitted at the meeting of the Board on 15th instant.

E. O. CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO
BOARD.

15th August, 1957.

19. On the 6th instant, female patient M. A. (15560) escaped from the recreation grounds of No. 18 Division at Grangegorman. She was seen crossing the boundary wall at Lower Grangegorman and was followed as quickly as possible by two nurses. The patient boarded a 'bus at Manor Street, but although the nurses followed the patient in a car,

they lost track of her down town. The usual steps to locate the patient have been taken but so far without result.

On the 6th instant male patient P. B. (11951) escaped from the general bathroom at Grangegorman. He was brought back to the hospital at 1.30 a.m. the following morning.

The Acting R.M.S., Grangegorman, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes. The usual report has been sent to the Minister for Health about the first escape.

20. On the 4th instant when a visitor was seeing his brother, a patient in No 6 Division, he was struck under the left eye by another patient. He sustained a small cut which was treated immediately by a medical officer. Instructions have been given that the patient who assaulted the visitor is not to be allowed in the Visiting Hall while other patients are being visited.

21. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have agreed to sell to Mr. E. Bourne, Portmarnock, acting on behalf of the Dock Milling Co., Ltd., this year's wheat crop from Portrane Farms. The crop will be sold at the guaranteed price fixed by the Minister for Agriculture. Mr. Bourne offers somewhat better terms with regard to haulage than another firm which tendered.

On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager also, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. J. MacCulloch & Sons, Ballyboughal, for drying and reconditioning this season's barley and seed wheat. Messrs. MacCulloch's price is 3s. per barrel for barley, and 4s. 6d. per barrel for wheat, up to 20 per cent. moisture.

I have accepted the Tender of Messrs. Paul & Vincent, Ltd., for 16 tons of cottonseed meal at £30 10s. per ton, ex ship, being the lowest of three Tenders received in response to advertisement.

22. In June, 1956, the Federation of Rural Workers applied for an increase of 6s. a week from 28th May, 1956, in the rate of wages paid to the Board's adult farm workers. The claim was based on the fact that the minimum rate fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board for adult workers has been increased by that amount and it was stated that the Agricultural Association of Ireland had agreed to a similar increase for men employed by their members. The rates for ordinary adult farm labourers then in operation (excluding the 6s. increase) were as follows:—

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.	Paid by members of Agr. Asso'n of Ireland.	Minimum rate fixed by Agr. Wages Board.
£5 12s. 6d.	£5 2s. 6d.	£5 0s. 0d.

In September, 1955, it had been agreed with the Federation of Rural Workers that future wages increases for the Board's farm staff would be granted only when it was established to the satisfaction of all concerned that they were being paid generally by farmers in County Dublin. On this occasion it was not established to the Manager's satisfaction that the increase of 6s. a week claimed by the Federation had been paid generally—there was evidence that a large number of farmers who had been paying £5 2s. 6d. had given an increase of 3s. 6d. a week only to bring the rate paid to their employees to the new minimum of £5 6s. 0d. a week fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board. Accordingly on 24th August, 1956, an offer was made to the Federation to increase

the rate paid to the Board's adult farm workers by 3s. 6d. a week from 28th May, 1956, subject to the consent of the Board and the sanction of the Minister for Health. This offer was not accepted by the Federation and on their application a Conciliation Conference was held in the Labour Court on 20th January, 1957. At that Conference the same difficulty arose in determining whether or not the 6s. increase had been granted generally in County Dublin and it was agreed finally that the Federation would obtain and submit to the Board the names of not less than 36 substantial farmers in the County who had granted the full increase on all existing rates. The list was not received from the Federation until 12th June, 1957, *i.e.*, more than four months later. I am satisfied from separate enquiries which have been made, that the larger farmers in the County have granted the 6s. increase and on 14th instant, I made an offer to the Federation to increase the wages of the Board's adult farm workers by 3s. 6d. a week from 28th May, 1956, and by a further 2s. 6d. a week from the beginning of the current financial year, *i.e.*, 1st April, 1957. The representatives of the Federation informed me that they would not accept anything less than the full increase of 6s. a week from 28th May, 1956. I am not prepared to do so in view of the delay on the part of the Federation in establishing their claim and the fact that provision has not been made in the current year's estimates for the full amount claimed.

In the course of the discussion about the 6s. increase, the representatives of the Federation informed me that they had reached agreement with the Agricultural Association of Ireland for a further increase of 7s. 6d. a week on all existing rates from 10th August, 1957. I informed them that I was not prepared, in any event, to agree to this further increase since, in view of wage trends in recent years, there

was no justification for maintaining a differential of 10s. a week between the rates paid by the Board and those paid by other substantial farmers in the same area.

E. O CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Order : Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 20th July from Councillor Miss Mary B. Andrews resigning her place on the Agricultural Committee in favour of Councillor Joseph Dignam.

On the motion of Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. C. Byrne, the resignation of Councillor Miss Andrews from the Agricultural Committee was accepted and it was decided to fill the vacancy at the meeting of the Board to be held on the 19th September, 1957.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

P. J. AIRD,

Acting Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 298.

22nd August, 1957.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 22nd day of August, 1957. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor William Lawless was unanimously appointed to take the Chair. Also present:—Councillors B. Conway, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. W. Chase, Anthony Lalor, T. P. O'Reilly, P.C., and J. Smithers.

An apology was received from Councillor W. J. Colman for his inability to attend.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER, PORTRANE.

22nd August, 1957

1. Since the last report of the 25th ultimo, milk supplies have been well maintained and full supplies have been available for both Hospitals, with the exception of a few days when a very slight shortage occurred. With cows and heifers calving down steadily, it is not likely that any big shortage will occur in the near future. At present Grangegorman is receiving 290 gallons and Portrane 276 gallons daily.

The present daily average yield from 262 milking cows is 2.17 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with last month :

		This month	Last month
Over 6 gallons	...	—	1
5 to 6	...	1	3
4 to 5	...	17	15
3 to 4	...	54	48
2 to 3	...	90	91
1 to 2	...	69	78
Under 1 gallon	...	31	20
Total	...	262	256

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases, (b) sales of live-stock during the month of July :—

	Total Cost	Average per beast
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) 44 sheep	315 16 6	7 3 7

(b) 34 calves were sold at the following prices : 4 at £9 0s. 0d., 3 at £9 10s. 0d., 2 at £9 15s. 0d., 2 at £9 16s. 0d., 1 at £10 10s. 0d., 4 at £11, 1 at £11 7s. 0d., 2 at £11 10s. 0d., 3 at £12 0s. 0d., 1 at £12 15s. 0d., 1 at £13 10s. 0d., 1 at £13 14s. 0d., 2 at £14 0s. 0d., 1 at £14 14s. 0d., 1 at £15, 1 at £15 14s. 0d., 1 at £15 18s. 0d., 1 at £16 10s. 0d., and 1 at £16 14s. 0d.; total £404 4s. 0d. 2 fat sows were sold on the Dublin Market for £41 17s. 8d. nett.

3. Mastitis.—The position with regard to mastitis in the herd continues to be satisfactory. A few cases of clinical mastitis occurred on all farms; all responded to the usual treatment. Two two-year-old heifers were affected with summer mastitis resulting in the loss of a quarter in each case, and as they were also found to be barren, it was considered advisable to slaughter them.

Although this has been considered a very bad year for summer mastitis in veterinary circles, the incidence of the disease in the dry cows is much less than in previous years. It would seem that the practice of infusing the cows as they are put dry with Protogan and Penicillin suspension is a commendable one.

4. Grass.—Good grazing has been available for the stock on all farms, but somewhat less grass will be available for hay and silage than last year due to slow growing conditions and the difficulty of obtaining nitrogenous manures due to prolonged strike.

5. Crops.—To date approximately 12 acres of potatoes have been dug and the yield continues to be satisfactory. The spraying of the potato crop is now almost completed for the third time.

The silo pit at Portrane has been completely filled and sealed off, while it is expected that the pit at Turvey will be filled in a couple of days after a few more acres have been ensiled there. While most of the hay crop has been cut and saved, approximately 30 acres have still to be cut, but should the weather prove unsuitable for hay-making, some of this could be ensiled in the Ballymastone Pit, where filling has not yet commenced.

The harvesting of the barley crop commenced on the 16th instant. With the recent bad weather some of this crop has become badly lodged, making harvesting operations difficult, and this may have an adverse effect on the yield of what promised to be a good crop. The wheat crop has not been affected by the bad weather and the crop looks promising. It is ripening steadily, and some of it will be ready for cutting after the barley has been harvested.

6. Santry Court.—The grass situation on this farm is better than in former years, and present indications are that it will not be necessary to commence foddering until much later than in other years. The cutting and saving of the hay has almost been completed, but it is hoped that one 12-acre field will be cut a second time for hay.

No outbreak of hoose has occurred to the young stock on this farm this year, but as there was coughing among the calves, 75 calves and young stock were given a further monthly dose. All the young stock are doing well.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises 1 horse, 73 calves, 83 yearling heifers and six two-year old heifers.

7. Purchase of Bull.—Since my report of the 27th June last re purchase of bulls, I have visited Northern Ireland on the 9th instant and inspected the young bulls on offer and have purchased one for £145 to be delivered to Portrane in early September. The dam of the sire of this bull has exceptional butterfat and milk records, butterfat being over 4% and a milk yield of over 2,600 gallons in one lactation. The dam of the bull is a very good type of dairy cow, with milk yields of up to 1,440 gallons, and butterfat of 3.99%. I believe this bull should be very useful for our purposes.

I made an offer for the bull calf, mentioned in my June report, but as I got no reply to same the calf has not been purchased.

THOMAS A. VAUGHAN,
For Agricultural Manager.

Order : Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDNER.

PORTRANE.

22nd August, 1957.

1. Vegetable Fields.—The planting of brassicas for late Autumn, Winter and early Spring use is now completed. The following are the varieties:—

8 acres Savoy; 5 acres late York; 1 acre Brussel sprouts; $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres Leeks, and 3 acres broccoli.

The area under broccoli is less than half that for last year. The reduction in broccoli is due to the prevalence of Club Root disease this year. Over 80% of the seedlings were affected with this disease and could not be planted out. The ground where the seeds were sown has been free of the disease until this year. During the past week I noticed that some of the forward crops of cabbage, sprouts, broccoli and swede turnips have got the disease.

2. The onion crop looks very promising, and I expect a heavy yield. This crop should be fit for harvesting in about two weeks.

3. Tillage.—At the moment I am preparing ground for Autumn onions and spring cabbage plants.

4. Kitchen Gardens and Recreation Grounds.—Small sowings of lettuce, parsley and turnips have been made.

The taking of geranium cuttings is in progress at the moment ; up to date 2,000 have been inserted. The pricking out of biennial plants has been completed. All recreation grounds and flower beds and borders are in good condition.

GRANGEGORMAN.

5. All crops are doing well, and we have just completed the planting of brussel sprouts, leeks and cabbage. Flower beds and recreation grounds are in good order.

SANTRY GARDENS.

6. Work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of weeding, scuffling, picking fruit, care of tomato houses and general upkeep of gardens.

A. WOLOHAN,
Head Gardener.

Order : Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS
AND GARDENS.

13th May, 1957.

1. We visited the farm at Portrane on Monday, 13th May. Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, was kind enough to meet us with his car at Donabate and took us to Turvey, where we inspected the fields of Barley and Wheat which we noted were making good progress. We saw the potato planter at work getting in the last few acres of potatoes, and were very pleased at the speed and efficiency with which the work was being carried out. The grasslands look very promising, and the livestock in first class condition. We were very pleased to learn that in the recent T.B. test only 1.2% reacted.

2. At Ballymastone the farmyard and fields looked very well with livestock in good condition and Crops making splendid progress.

3. After lunch we inspected the farmyard at Portrane which presented a neat and tidy appearance. The Piggeries, as usual, call for favourable comment. The conversion of a cow byre there to a piggery is suggested by the Farm Manager and favourable consideration might be given to that at an early date.

4. We noted a very fine young bull recently purchased at what, in our opinion, was a very reasonable figure, £135.

5. The gardens around the main building were looking beautiful with flowers in full bloom and all well planned and laid out, which reflects great credit on our Head Gardener.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Hayes for his courtesy and assistance.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

MARY ENNIS.

GILBERT HUGHES.

Order : Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS
AND GARDENS.

30th July, 1957.

1. On Tuesday, July 30th, we visited Portrane and accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, we proceeded first to Turvey. We noticed that work on clearing of the site for the new potato house was started, and were assured that every effort would be made to have the house erected in time for the harvesting of the main potato crop. With the improvement in the weather, advantage had been taken to resume haymaking and some 18 acres had been cut, the work extending until dusk.

2. Wheat and potato crops appeared to be doing well, and given normal weather conditions, the harvest should be good. Spraying of the potato crop was in progress. Owing to heavy rainfall earlier in the month, the barley crop had lodged.

3. At Ballymastone potato digging was in progress to meet the weekly requirements of the institution. Yields appeared to be good. Most of the dairy stock was out on pasture, and we were pleased to learn that the herd is now at full strength.

We were informed that very good prices were being obtained for Friesian calves not required on the farm, testifying to the growing popularity of this strain.

4. We went to the Gardens and observed ground being prepared for the sowing of spring cabbage. The work of transplanting wallflowers, etc., was well advanced. In the vegetable fields some six acres were being planted with cabbage.

5. Altogether we were glad to note that, notwithstanding the difficulties and delays caused mainly by weather conditions, the crops in the farms and gardens were well advanced, and give promise of a bountiful harvest.

We wish to thank Mr. Hayes for his kind co-operation throughout our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
WILLIAM J. COLMAN.
MARY C. ENNIS.
WILLIAM CHASE.

Order : Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 26th September, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee :—

Councillor William Lawless.

„ Gilbert Hughes.

„ Mrs. M. Lodwidge.

Mr. Anthony Lalor.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

W. LAWLESS,
Acting Chairman.

P. J. AIRD,
Acting Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 299.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital

ACCOUNTS FOR 1956-57

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K. KEANE,
Accountant.

TABLE I.—RECEIPTS.

Actual Receipts 1953-54	Actual Receipts 1954-55	Actual Receipts 1955-56		Estimated Receipts 1956-57	Actual Receipts 1956-57	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
34,276	40,378	32,915	RECEIPTS OF PAYING PATIENTS:				
11,008	7,068	8,085	(a) City of Dublin Account ...	34,000	34,439	439	—
3,908	3,678	3,851	(b) County Dublin Account ...	8,000	7,788	—	214
			(c) Co. Wicklow Account ...	3,900	5,558	1,758	—
49,242	51,124	44,851	TOTAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS FROM CONTRIBUTING AREA	45,900	47,885	1,985	—
4,144	3,805	3,737	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service patients	3,800	3,868	68	—
5,254	5,191	4,547	(e) Criminal Lunatics ...	4,200	4,223	23	—
4,208	4,591	5,144	(f) Non-District Patients ...	3,500	4,415	915	—
62,846	64,711	58,299	TOTAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS	57,300	60,150	3,080	—
11,641	10,363	12,008	Farm Account Sales ...	9,000	9,971	971	—
335	333	942	Sale of Offal and Old Stores ...	300	629	329	—
610	500	484	Interest allowed by Treasurer ...	—	630	630	—
182	126	122	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	200	251	51	—
10,885	10,654	11,407	Superannuation Deductions ...	11,000	11,882	882	—
4,202	4,391	31,382	Other deductions from salaries & wages	30,000	31,471	1,471	—
—	2,159	—	Accumulated balances in Patients' Private Property Account ...	—	—	—	—
£90,351	£92,398	£114,645		£107,000	£114,975	£7,975	—

TABLE II.—EXPENDITURE.

Expendi- ture 1953-54	Expendi- ture 1954-55	Expendi- ture 1955-56		Estimated Expendi- ture 1956-57	Actual Expendi- ture 1956-57	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
119,374	122,002	94,196	Food, Drink and Tobacco ...	93,000	94,801	—	199
77,372	83,414	71,837	Farm Expenses ...	66,880	68,391	—	8,499
2,893	2,680	3,109	Materials for Washing or Cleansing ...	2,700	3,425	725	—
6,719	8,283	10,839	Medicines ...	7,500	17,029	9,529	—
53,132	60,016	66,431	Heating, Lighting & Water Supply ...	72,000	72,102	102	—
42,006	42,524	28,481	Clothing and Bedding ...	29,000	27,951	—	1,049
9,153	7,577	6,402	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ...	8,000	7,264	—	736
2,206	2,679	2,497	Medical and Surgical Appliances ...	2,500	2,840	340	—
263,097	279,186	410,460	Salaries and Wages ...	401,250	405,818	4,568	—
25,137	34,372	43,710	Superannuations, etc. ...	36,500	48,106	11,606	—
55,336	24,373	25,326	Structural alterations, Repairs, etc., ...	65,295	61,717	—	3,578
3,316	3,419	3,673	Stationery, Printing and Advertising ...	3,500	3,389	—	111
4,342	4,662	3,023	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	3,500	6,282	1,782	—
224	138	228	Re-forestation of Portree ...	200	194	—	56
10,381	12,283	12,957	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	12,900	12,874	—	26
1,063	189	314	Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals ...	400	255	—	145
—	62	213	Conveyance of Persons to Hospital ...	200	238	38	—
—	1,655	2,646	Fees to Authorised Medical Officers ...	2,500	3,339	839	—
15,560	16,666	25,413	Loan Charges ...	39,000	34,127	—	4,873
£622,429	£726,590	£814,217		£850,585	£860,852	£10,267	—

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Additional Expenditure amounting to £30,983 4 0 was specially authorised by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, during the year 1956-57.

GRANGEGORMAN FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1957.

1956	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1957	Cr.	£	s.	d.
April 1					March 31				
To Value of Stock on hand:					By Cash Sales				321 6 8
Live Stock	1,935	0	0		Value of Produce supplied:				
Farm Produce	60	0	0		Root Crops	173	11	8	
Implements	60	0	0		Other Vegetables	730	16	7	
				2,055 0 0	Bacon	7,429	0	4	
March 31, 1957					Fruit	38	18	0	
To Cash Expenditure for Year:-					Flowers and Plants	50	0	0	
Paid Labour	1,106	1	5						8,428 6 7
Manure					Value of Horses not employed on Farm work				520 0 0
Implements	371	17	5		Value of Stock on hand:				
Seeds and Plants	385	19	5		Live Stock	1,977	0	0	
Pigs	578	0	0		Farm Produce	60	0	0	
Food and Feeding Stuff	1,433	10	0		Implements	60	0	0	
Maintenance and Repairs	26	3	6						2,097 0 0
Fuel, Light and Water	440	0	0						
Miscellaneous	84	3	0						
				4,437 14 9					
Pigs received from Port-race				3,601 10 0					
Other Charges:-									
Estimated Rental	170	0	0						
Offal Supplied	150	0	0						
				320 0 0					
Profit for year, excluding any charge for Patient Labour				952 8 6					
				£ 11,366 13 3					£11,366 13 3

PORTRANE FARM ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1957.

1956	Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1957	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
April 1								March 31							
To value of Stock on hand:								By Cash Sales:							
Live Stock		30,327	5	0				Hides, Skins and Wools		883	18	10			
Farm Produce		10,979	4	2				Calves Sold		1,555	15	0			
Implements		6,304	9	0				Pigs Sold		2,234	4	10			
					47,610	18	2	Wheat		4,912	9	1			
								Manure Sold		3	0	0			
								Horses Sold		—					
March 31, 1957													2,649	7	9
To Cash Expenditure for Year:—								.. Pigs to Grangeerman		—			3,601	10	0
Paid Labour		21,981	4	2				.. Produce Supplied:—							
Manures		3,919	1	4				Potatoes		10,011	8	0			
Implements		1,732	16	10				Milk		23,432	18	2			
Seeds and Plants		1,411	0	4				Pork		533	4	2			
Livestock		5,340	4	6				Butcher's Meat		7,919	10	5			
Fodder and Feeding Stuffs		5,900	2	2				Bacon		700	0	0			
Freight and Market Expenses		29	13	0									42,357	1	6
Vet. Attendance		718	14	5				.. Value of Horse Hire and Labour supplied for institution purposes solely					399	0	0
Petrol, Oil, Electricity								.. Value of Stock on hand:—							
E.S.B.		1,799	11	11				Live Stock		32,406	0	0			
Maintenance and Repairs		3,180	0	2				Farm Produce		8,417	17	4			
Fuel, Light and Water		630	0	9				Implements		6,319	6	0			
Rates		645	0	1									47,143	3	4
.. Other Charges:—					47,353	9	9								
Estimated Rental		1,720	0	0											
Offal Supplied		190	0	0											
					1,870	0	0								
.. Profit for Year, excluding any charge for Patient Labour															
					6,396	14	8								
					£ 103,141	2	7						£103,141	2	7

PORTHANE GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1957.

1956	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1957	Cr.	£	s.	d.
April 1					March 31				
To Value of Stock on hand:					By Cash Sales:				
Produce and Crops ...		1,771	14	7	Value of Produce Supplied:				
Implements ...		986	12	9	Root Crops ...		876	16	2
				2,770 7 4	Other Vegetables ...		5,333	4	3
					Fruit ...		1,225	11	9
March 31, 1957					Flowers and Plants ...		50	0	0
To Cash Expenditure during Year:									7,595 12 2
Paid Labour ...		3,376	1	2					
Manure ...		471	8	8					
Implements ...		513	9	1					
Seeds and Plants ...		329	19	0					
Miscellaneous ...		576	8	11					
Maintenance ...		1,025	3	7	Value of Stock on hand —				
Fuel, Light and Water ...		307	9	6	Produce and Crops ...		1,557	19	11
				6,000 0 8	Implements ...		1,896	19	8
Estimated Rental ...				585 0 0					3,364 19 7
Profit for Year, excluding any charge for Patient Labour ...				915 3 9					
				£10,870 11 9					£10,870 11 9

TABLE showing Daily Average Number of Patients Resident and Average Daily Cost for each patient.

Year Ended	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT		
		Grangeopman	Portrane	Total
31st March, 1947 ...	3,332	s. d. 8 9.64	s. d. 6 10.50	s. d. 6 10.02
31st March, 1948 ...	3,302	8 7.27	7 10.01	8 3.20
31st March, 1949 ...	3,366	8 8.87	8 7.48	8 8.20
31st March, 1950 ...	3,441	8 3.40	7 7.39	7 11.20
31st March, 1951 ...	3,524	8 10.98	8 1.71	8 6.94
31st March, 1952 ...	3,533	9 10.73	9 2.33	9 7.09
31st March, 1953 ...	3,620	10 1.49	9 5.42	9 9.98
31st March, 1954 ...	3,730	10 4.03	9 8.90	10 0.86
31st March, 1955 ...	3,768	10 9.04	9 8.10	10 3.37
31st March, 1956 ...	3,792	12 3.64	10 11.29	11 8.45
31st March, 1957 ...	3,804	13 2.55	10 11.93	12 2.93

These costs are calculated in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

SUMMARY OF GRANGEORMAN AND PORTRANE CANTEN ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1956-57.

Dr.		PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1956-57.		Cr.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Value of Stock at commencement of Year		1,092 12 3	By Cash Sales	23,147 8 11	
" Purchases		10,905 18 9	" Tobacco bonuses	51 2 11	
" Wages, Canteen Attendants		210 14 1	" Interest on Deposit Accounts	39 12 5	
" Other Working Expenses		223 17 4	" Value of Stock on hands	1,284 7 7	
" Bonus to Canteen Manager		132 13 7			
" Audit Fee		14 14 0			
" Balance (Profit on Trading) to Balance Sheet		2,832 19 10			
		£ 34,513 11 10		£ 34,513 11 10	

Dr.		BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1957.		Cr.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Sundry Appropriations, viz.			By Balance from 1955-56 Account	3,512 19 2	
Gratuities to Patients		902 1 1	" Balance from Profit and Loss Account brought down	2,832 19 10	
Games for Patients, Prizes for Tournaments, Sports and travelling expenses for Sports Parties		268 15 0			
Extras for Patients, Concert Parties, etc.		713 7 2			
" Balance to next account		4,458 15 9			
		£ 6,345 19 0		£ 6,345 19 0	

Report No. 300.

19th September, 1957.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 19th day of September, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, Robert Ellis, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Bernard Conway, Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Denis Larkin, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, William Chaso, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives:—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives:—Councillors William Lawless, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

An apology was received from Alderman T. Byrne for his inability to attend.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 297 of 15th August, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st August, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 31-7-'57	1,772	2,068	3,840
Admitted during month	55	58	113
	1,827	2,126	3,953
	M.	F.	T.
Discharged during month	54	48	102
Died do.	4	11	15
Escaped do.	—	—	—
	58	59	117
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,769	2,067	3,836
Absent on trial and escape	27	38	65
Remaining in residence	1,742	2,029	3,771

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman	...	...	784	1,210	1,994
In Portrane	...	...	958	819	1,777
Total number resident as above			1,742	2,029	3,771

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	2,851
County Dublin	524
County Wicklow	334
Criminal Lunatics	42
Non-district patients	20
Total	3,771

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded the adoption of Report No. 298 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 22nd August, 1957.
Passed unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Miss Andrews, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Mulvey, Councillor J. Dignam was unanimously appointed to the vacancy on the Agricultural Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor Miss Andrews.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

27th August, 1957.

1. We carried out an inspection at Grangegorman Mental Hospital on Tuesday, 27th August, 1957.

Our first call was to No. 22 Women's Hospital, and we continued on through Nos. 23, 15, 10, 14 and 18 Divisions.

Everything was in first-class order. A word of praise must be given to those responsible for the improvement in all wards by the addition of curtains, shades on all lights, small tables covered by embroidered cloths and on which vases of flowers were displayed. With the addition of colourful rugs on the floors, a home-like atmosphere is created, and the austere institutional look has gone from many wards.

In course of time we trust all wards will be done up to look as bright and fresh as Annunciata Ward.

2. The lunch which we saw served to the patients in the large Dining Room and in the Hospital Wards was of excellent quality.

3. The smaller type dining room with tables for four is preferable to the large room where meals are partaken of by such large numbers. The patients told us they liked the small tables very much.

4. To Dr. Knott and Miss Murphy we return sincere thanks for their kindness in escorting us through the various sections of the Hospital.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
MARY ANDREWS.
PATRICK BERMINGHAM.
CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order :—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

29th August, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Dr. Aird we visited the main kitchen and dining hall where we inspected the new fish frying unit. We feel the positioning of this unit is very unsatisfactory, and recommend that it and the new frying equipment should be placed back to back beside the Aga Cookers in the centre of the kitchen.

2. The tables in the dining hall do not meet the requirements; the smaller tables now being used in the divisions would, of course, be ideal but should be adapted for stacking away for the Tuesday night cinema shows.

3. The food cupboards should be transferred to the scullery.

4. Hygienic requirements in the Bread Room could be met if the baskets and stacking trays be done away with and covered stainless steel trays used in their place. This would ensure that the handling of the bread would be reduced.

5. A rubber floor, as in the new No. 8 Division and re-painting is also recommended.

6. In No. 8 Female Division we inspected a new 20-gallon infuser. There are 190 patients here for tea, and while the present arrangements are unsatisfactory, we decided to discuss the matter with the Consulting Engineer before reaching any decision on this.

7. During lunch a male patient approached us with a complaint. He stated that three months after writing to the Minister for Health, he had an unexpected visit from a Health Inspector as he was going to lunch. He asked the gentleman to wait until he had eaten, but on his return the Inspector had disappeared.

This incident occurred in Grangegorman before the patient was sent to Portrane.

8. The Committee felt that there was insufficient co-operation with the staff directly concerned with the use of equipment supplied. We suggest in future that the people who will be using the equipment be consulted as to its location and its suitability.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird and Mr. Beegan for their help during the inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
DENIS LARKIN, T.D.
WILLIAM LAWLESS.
ANTHONY LALOR.

Order: See Manager's Report of this date.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

13th August, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Dr. Hegarty we carried out an inspection at Portrane on 13th August.

When we reached the Dining Hall the male patients had just finished their dinner. We noticed that the tops of some of the tables were cracked, and this may be caused through stacking of the tables on occasions when the hall is used for film shows. The matter of obtaining an alternative material to cover these tables might be considered.

2. With Miss Kelly, Housekeeper, and Mr. Chalmers, Engineer, we discussed the siting of the recently installed electric fryer, part of the new equipment provided under the scheme of kitchen centralisation. The staff using the fryer had complained of its position, as they are exposed to draughts. We agreed that a screen be provided as a first step towards eliminating the draughts.

3. We visited the Nurses' Home and saw the newly-repaired staircase, which is in use, and appears to be satisfactory.

4. We went to the Childrens' Unit and suggest that consideration be given to extending the playground. There is

ample ground available for this purpose, which could be adapted at little cost. The provision of another swing should also be made, as we learned that since the erection of the existing swing it is much used.

5. We visited No. 8 Female Unit and all the patients appeared to be content. We did not receive any complaints.

6. We also went to the Male Therapy where we saw a number of patients engaged in rug making, etc.

Having regard to the fact that so few patients are occupied in this way we think that steps should be taken to see what could be done to extend the scope of this work, so that patients might be induced to spend their time in a beneficial way.

E. TIMMONS.

THOMAS O'REILLY.

Order: See Manager's Report of this date.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 17th October, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" W. J. Colman.

Mr. John Cahill.

Mr. William Chase.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman)

" Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

" Mrs. M. Mulvey.

" Mrs. K. Nix.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

13th September, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 31st ultimo 3,771 patients, viz. :—

		Males.	Females.	Total.
In Grangegorman	...	784	1,210	1,994
In Portrane	...	943	834	1,777
Total	...	1,727	2,044	3,771
as compared with :				
31st August, 1956	...	1,751	2,090	3,841
31st August, 1955	...	1,752	2,065	3,817
31st August, 1954	...	1,737	2,052	3,789
31st August, 1953	...	1,709	2,044	3,753

this year's number being 70 less than on the corresponding date last year, and 18 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. During the month of August, 56 male and 58 female patients were admitted, total 114. One hundred and twelve of these were chargeable patients, of whom 58 were temporary, 37 were voluntary, and 17 were Persons of Unsound Mind. Two patients were also admitted from Monaghan Mental Hospital for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. In July last I reported that male patient T.D. (7538), aged 74 years, when getting out of a night chair on the 20th June had fallen and sustained a fracture of the right hip. He was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment on the

21st June, and I regret to say that he died on the 26th August. The Coroner has been notified, but the Chief R.M.S. has not yet been informed whether it is intended to hold an Inquest.

5. On the 6th August, male patient P.B. (11951) escaped from the general bathroom at Grangegorman. He was brought back to the hospital from Kilmainham Garda Station by two male nurses on the 7th August.

On the 16th August, male patient B.T. (10480) escaped from No. 7 Division Recreation Grounds at Grangegorman. He was brought back to the hospital by two male nurses on the 17th ultimo.

Male patient M. O'L. (12044), a liberty patient, escaped from the grounds at Grangegorman on the 24th ultimo. He was brought back to the hospital from his home at 2 a.m. the next morning.

Male patient R. S. (11876) failed to return off pass on the 18th August. He was brought back to the hospital from his home on the 21st August.

These escapes have been duly reported to the Minister for Health, and the Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with them.

6. On the 27th August, male patient E. C. (1097), who had full liberty of the grounds at Portrane, failed to turn in to supper. Following information received from the Gardai at 2 a.m., he was taken from his home to Grangegorman and returned to Portrane on the 28th August.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this escape which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.*—Female patient M. O'H (11228), while endeavouring to get out of bed on the

18th August, slipped and injured her right wrist. She was seen by a Visiting Surgeon and X-rayed, and found to have a fracture of the wrist. The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

Male patient D. M. (12162) was admitted on the 28th August from a city hospital. He had a fracture of the upper and lower end of the right radius bone, stated to have been received when he jumped or fell from a window at his home.

8. *Accidents to Patients, Portrane.*—On the 11th August female patient M. F. (35885) was noticed by her charge nurse to be looking pale. The patient stated that she had fallen and hurt her right arm, and an examination revealed a Colles fracture of the right radius. The accident was not witnessed by any member of the staff, but another patient informed the charge nurse that the patient had fallen when crossing the dormitory to the Store Room in No. 2 Division.

On the 17th August female patient M. B. (30322) was knocked down by another patient in No. 7 Division. The former sustained a fracture of the surgical neck of left humerus and a fracture of the left femur.

On the 20th August female patient F. W. (39475) when coming from the dining hall of No. 2 Division after supper sustained a fracture of the neck of right femur. The Acting Charge Nurse who was behind the patient was informed by another patient that F. W. had been knocked down by a third patient.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

9. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.*—On the 19th August temporary Attendant J. V. D. fell in the office of No. 5 Division sustaining a crack fracture of left wrist and he has been off duty since that date.

Nurse H. B. has been off duty since 29th August with injuries to face and hands resulting from a fall off his bicycle when coming to work.

Nurse O. W. was absent from the 5th to the 11th August suffering from scalds sustained at home.

Nurse D. F. was off duty from the 24th to 25th August with an injury to his legs sustained when playing football on the hospital grounds.

Nurse C. T. was off duty from the 3rd August to the 20th September with an injury to her hand sustained when operating a bread cutting machine in No. 22 Kitchen.

Nurse U. P. was off duty from 3rd to the 20th August with a laceration of her right hand caused by a blow from a patient.

Nurse A. T. M. was off duty from the 3rd to the 9th August with an injury to her left hand sustained when she was separating two patients who were struggling.

Nurse A. D. was off duty on the 7th August with an injury to her left foot caused by a patient who knocked over a seat in the dining hall.

Miss C. K., Housekeeper, was off duty on the 14th and 15th August with an injury to her right knee caused by a fall in the yard of the Annexe Kitchen.

Attendant M. J. McG. slipped on the stairs outside No. 22 hospital on the 12th August and was off duty until 27th.

A number of other accidents to members of the Grangegorman Staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

10. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Temporary Attendant E. H. has been off duty since 20th August with a fractured

clavicle sustained while at hurling practice on the recreation grounds.

Nurse J. P. was off duty on the 12th and 13th August with an injury to his lip caused by a blow from a patient.

Attendant E. McG. was off duty on the 5th and 6th August with an injury to her head caused by a fall outside the hospital.

J. H., farm worker, was off duty from the 9th to 23rd August with an injury to his side caused by a fall from a mowing machine.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane Staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

11. With reference to the Inspection carried out at Grangegorman on the 1st August by Councillors Timmons, Ledwidge and Lawless, I have to report:—

Item 1. The question of the staffing in the laundry has been the subject of discussions with the Chief R.M.S., and I propose to go into the matter further.

Item 3. The dormitory at No. 11 Division is reported to be in excellent condition and the Visiting Members' observations probably refer to the corridor and single rooms. The Clerk of Works reports that it would not be possible to undertake their re-decoration this year owing to other commitments, particularly the re-decoration of No. 22 Infirmary and Nos. 7 and 9 male division dormitories.

It is agreed that the range in the kitchenette of No. 18 division is old, and the Clerk of Works is examining the possibility of replacing it with an Esse Minor Cooker, recently removed from another location.

12. The following report has been submitted by the Portrane Medical Superintendent on the various matters

raised by the Visiting Members who carried out inspections at Portrane on the 8th, 13th and 29th August :—

" 1. *No 8 Division Kitchen.* In order to cater for two new units which were completed early in 1956, it was necessary to instal additional equipment in No. 8 Division Kitchen. It was understood at the time that this was only a temporary arrangement because it was intended to adopt at a later date the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer that all cooking services at Portrane be provided in the general kitchen and it was not considered possible to complete the centralisation scheme before the new units would be occupied. The new equipment purchased for No. 8 Kitchen was such as to suit the revised layout in the general kitchen, and the cost of its temporary installation was kept to a minimum. This arrangement was approved by the Board on 17th February 1955. The centralization of cooking services in the general kitchen was approved by the Board on 13th December, 1956.

2. *General Kitchen.* The centralisation of the cooking services in the general kitchen is being carried out in stages in order to avoid disrupting the kitchen routine. Progress depends largely on the delivery of the equipment, which is slow, but it is expected that the work will be completed within two months.

The location of the Fish Fryer and other equipment was discussed and agreed with the Housekeeper. Some months after its installation a complaint was made that the location of the Fryer was draughty. It has been suggested that it might be transferred to a position at the end of the cooking range, but the Housekeeper does not favour this change. In my opinion the present position, while not ideal, is the most suitable, and I

recommend adoption of a suggestion made by the Chief Engineer, viz. : that automatic door closers be fitted to the four double doors giving entrance to the kitchen, at a cost of approximately £80.

3. *Dining Hall Tables.* I am of opinion that the cost of re-covering the large tables in the dining hall would not be justified in view of their age and general condition. I would recommend that, for the present, those tables requiring immediate attention be painted, after removal of the damaged covering, and that six small tables to seat four persons each be purchased for a trial. If satisfactory, consideration might be given to replacing all the old large tables similarly.

4. *Bread Room.* The wooden bread trays are worn and difficult to keep properly cleaned, and I would recommend the provision of stainless steel trays which the Chief Engineer estimates would cost something in the region of £250.

New floor covering would be desirable—the Chief Engineer estimates the cost of linoleum at £170 and of terrazzo or tiles at £300. The room is not being repainted.

5. *Male Therapy Department.* There are at present 42 patients in this Department, and any increase in the number would cause congestion. For some time past this form of therapy has been instituted in No. 10 Male Division and it is intended to extend it to other divisions in the near future.

6. *Children's Division.* I agree that the present playground is too small. I recommend that it be extended to three times its present size and that additional equipment be purchased. The cost of extending the playground is estimated to be £120.

7. *Workshops.* A wash basin has been installed in the Occupational Therapy Workshop, and I recommend that another be provided in the Mattress Shop, which would be available also to patients working in the Tailors' Shoemakers' Shops adjoining.

8. *Male Hospital.* The Chief Engineer intends to replace the existing sink with a stainless steel sink and drainer, as soon as possible.

9. *Shoemakers' Shop.* The Chief Engineer proposes to include the painting of this shop in the Annual Estimates for next year."

I have approved of the recommendation of the Portrane Medical Superintendent in relation to the Dining Hall tables and the provision of a wash basin in the mattress shop. I propose to inspect the Bread Room on my next visit to Portrane, and to examine the proposal to provide door closers on the double doors to the General Kitchen. I have requested Dr. Aird to investigate the possibility of transferring some, at least, of the children to another institution.

13. The Minister for Health has appointed the 1st September, 1957, as the date on which the provisions of the Health and Mental Treatment Act, 1957, come into operation. Section 2 of the Act provides for the substitution of 10s. per day for 6s. per day in Section 231 A (3) of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945; that is to say, the classes of persons who could up to the 31st August, 1957, be charged a maximum contribution of 6s. per day towards the cost of institutional treatment, may now be charged a maximum of 10s. a day. The Minister has asked that, where a person is receiving institutional treatment on the 1st September, 1957, any charge should be calculated by reference to the former 6s. maximum for a period of six weeks.

14. A sum of £800 was included in the Estimates for the current year for the removal of the stone archway at the entrance to the Male Side at Grangegorman, the construction of new piers and the erection of the wrought iron gates to be removed from the main entrance at Santry Court. The Board's Architect has submitted for consideration a number of schemes which range in cost from £900 to £2,200. A preliminary report on this subject submitted to the Board on the 16th May was referred to the special Building Committee. I shall be glad if the Board will fix a date for the meeting of the Special Building Committee to consider the various schemes prepared by the Architect.

15. Tenders were recently invited for tables and chairs required for the New Female Visiting Hall. Having examined the various items offered, I have adopted the recommendation of the Architect that bentwood chairs at 23s. each be purchased from the official contractor to the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section and that a modified form of table offered by another official contractor be purchased at a cost of £3 4s. 0d. each. The numbers required are 380 chairs and 50 tables.

16. Reference has been made by the Visiting Members on a number of occasions to a defective cutting machine in the Bootmaker's Shop at Grangegorman. It has been found possible to obtain a quotation for repairing this machine at a cost of £20 which I have accepted.

17. As required by Article 9 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946, I am submitting the Abstract of the Board's Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1957. When the accounts have been audited by the Local Government Auditor, copies of the Abstract and the Auditor's report thereon will be circulated to members of the Board. In the meantime I am

circulating with this report, copies of Printed Report No. 299 which gives details of the Board's Receipts and Expenditure for that year and also tables showing :—

1. Revenue.
2. Expenditure.
3. Grangegorman Farm Account.
4. Portrane Farm Account.
5. Portrane Garden Account.
6. Average Daily Cost for each patient.
7. Canteen Profit and Loss Account.

The Receipts for Paying Patients amounted to £60,150, being £3,050 in excess of the Estimate. Farm Account Sales at £9,971 were £971 more than was estimated. A sum of £650 was allowed by the Treasurer by way of Interest. Receipts from other sources amounted to £44,234 which is £2,734 more than that provided for in the estimate.

The expenditure authorised in the original Estimate and Demand was £850,585 as detailed in Table II. Additional expenditure amounting to £30,983 4s. 0d. was authorised by the Board during the year pursuant to the provisions of Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, but owing to savings under certain heads the nett additional expenditure amounted to £10,267 only.

The actual expenditure under certain sub-heads was in excess of the amounts set out in the original Estimates Report and supplementary reports, viz. :—

	£
Materials for washing and cleaning ...	725
Medicines	1,029
Medical and Surgical appliances ...	340
Salaries and Wages	4,568
Superannuations	3,150

Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	1,624
Conveyance of persons to Hospital ...	38
Fees to authorised Medical Officers ...	839
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	£12,313

I would ask the Board to approve of the additional expenditure under these sub-heads.

Grangegorman Farm shows a profit of £952 as against £1,864 the previous year. Bacon supplied was £1,129 less than in the previous year.

Portrane Farm shows a profit of £6,306. This figure is £1,000 less than for 1955-56. Expenditure is down by £14,826 mainly under the heads of Livestock and Fodder and Feeding Stuff. On the credit side Butchers' meat is down by £13,110 due to the fact that Beef is purchased by contract and the cost included under the head of Provisions.

The Portrane Garden shows a profit of £915 as compared with £1,354 for 1955-56. Expenditure was £6,600 as against £6,340 the previous year. Produce supplied was £7,505 as against £7,645. The value of produce and Implements at the close of the year was £3,365 as compared with £2,770.

The Daily Average number of patients resident during the year was 3,804, an increase of 12 over 1955-56. The average daily cost for each patient calculated in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946, was 12s. 2.93d., as compared with 11s. 8.45d. for 1955-56.

Canteen Account Sales for the year increased from £21,441 to £23,147, and the Profit on trading from £2,738 to £2,833. Appropriations during the year for Gratuities, extras, concert

parties, sports, etc., amounted to £1,887, leaving a balance to credit of £4,458 at 31st March, 1957.

18. I am circulating with this report also a copy of the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Board's Accounts for the years ended 31st March, 1955, and 31st March, 1956, together with copies of the Abstracts of the Accounts for those years.

E. O'CAOIDH.

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

19th September, 1957.

19. On 7th September male patient R.G. (11679) was missed from the exercise ground of No. 10 division at Grangegorman. He was seen at about 4.30 p.m. on the same day in the Phoenix Park by a male nurse who was off duty and brought back to the Hospital. The Chief R.M.S. assures me that there was no negligence on the part of the staff in connection with this escape.

20. On the recommendation of the Board's Architect, I have accepted the tender of the South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd., in the sum of £529 14s. 6d. (being the lowest of three tenders) for the asphalt roof covering of the new staff dining-hall which is in course of construction at Grangegorman.

For this scheme I have accepted the following tender for equipment:—

Messrs Benham, Ltd., for 30-gal. stock-
pot £207 0 0

Irish Food Machines for one steaming
oven £182 10 0

Messrs. Evans, Ltd., for one water boiler £67 10 0

which are recommended by the Architect and Consulting Engineer as the most suitable of a large range of tenders received.

21. I have accepted the tender of Messrs. D. Kellett, Ltd., for the supply of 80 dozen women's hopsack tweed dresses at £23 2s. 0d. per dozen, being the lowest of seven tenders received.

22. The following are particulars of tenders for general supplies accepted for the period of six months ending 31st March, 1958 :—

				Corresponding Price October, 1956
DUBLIN MEAT SUPPLIERS, LTD.				
	£	s.	d.	
Prime Beef in sides @	9	17	2	cwt. d/d Grange-
				gorman 8 4 6 cwt.
	@	10	0 8	Portrane 8 4 0 ..
Prime ewe's mutton @	9	11	4	Grange- 8 17 4 ..
				gorman
	@	9	18 4	Portrane 8 17 4 ..
Sheep Liver @	0	3	0	lb. d/d Grangegorman 0 3 0 lb.
				and Portrane
Mutton Cutlets @	0	3	0	lb. d/d Grangegorman 0 2 0 lb.
				and Portrane

PATRICK MURPHY.

Best Creamery Butter @ £22 14s. 2 cwt. d/d Grangegorman 19 15 2 cwt.
less 5/- per box for empty boxes.

JOHN CLARKE & SONS, LTD.

Best Creamery Butter @ £22 14s. 6d. cwt. d/d Portrane 419 16 6 cwt.
less 5/- per box for empty boxes.

JAMES SINCLAIR & Co. (1941), LTD.

Selected Hen Eggs @ £1 7s. 4d. per 120 d/d Granges £1 13 2 per 120
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@ £1 8s. 0d. per 120 d/d Portrane £1 13 2 per 120.

CARTON BROS. LTD.

CARRON BROS. LTD.						
Fillets of Haddock	@	1s.	3d.	per lb.	d/d	Grangegorman 1s. 2d. lb.
	@	1s.	3d.	"	"	Portrane 1s. 3d. lb.
Fillets of Cod	@	2s.	2d.	"	"	Grangegorman 2s. 0d. lb.
	@	2s.	3d.	"	"	Portrane 2s. 1d. lb.
Whiting	@	10d.	"	"	"	Grangegorman 11d. lb.
Whiting	@	11d.	"	"	"	Portrane 1s. 0d. lb.

PATRICK KELLY

Chickens	@ 2s. 8d. lb. d/d Grangegorman	2s. 10d. lb.
	@ 2s. 8d. .. Portrane	2s. 0d. lb.

DRUGHEDA OATMEAL MILLING CO., LTD.

DEOGHEDA OATMEAL MILLING Co., Ltd.
Flake Oatmeal @ £57 0s. 0d per ton d/d Grangegormian £57 per ton
and Portraue.

HILL & SON, LTD.

HILL & SONS, LTD.		
Woolen Yarn	@ 7s. 6d. per lb.	d/d Grangegorman or 7s. 6d. lb.
Finishing Tweed	@ 1s. 0d. per yard	Amiens St. Station 1s. 0d. yd.

E. O. CAOLMH.

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 12.—Further report to be submitted re tea infusers in No. 8 Division.

Par. 13.—Noted. Report to be submitted as to the number of patients in respect of whom the maximum charge of 6s. a day is being made.

Par. 14.—A meeting of the Building Committee to be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 26th September, 1957.

Par. 17.—Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Nix, "That the Board approves of additional expenditure in respect of the financial year 1956-57 amounting to a total of £12,313 under the various sub-heads set out in

Paragraph 17 of the Manager's Report.

Par. 18.—Noted. Report to be submitted as to the reasons for the increased expenditure on Salaries and Wages in 1955-56 as compared with 1954-55.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 301. Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

September, 1957.

Report of Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Board's Accounts for the two financial years ended 31st March, 1956.

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I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board for the years ended the 31st March, 1956, and the 31st March, 1956. Certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts are transmitted herewith.

The average daily number of patients maintained in the hospitals and the average daily cost of maintenance are set out hereunder:—

Year ended	Average Daily Number	Average daily cost	
		Grangegorman	Portrane
		s. d.	s. d.
31st March, 1956	3,768	10 9.04	9 8.10
31st March, 1956	3,792	12 3.64	10 11.20

Because of the introduction of new inclusive scales of salaries for the nursing staff, which took effect from the 1st

April, 1955, it was not possible to make reliable comparisons of the cost under certain headings of expenditure in 1955-56 with those of previous years. The increase in the figure representing Salaries and Wages and the decrease in the expenditure on Food, Drink and Tobacco in 1955-56 as compared with 1954-55 resulted largely from a change in the method of recording the remuneration of the staff. In the former year, rations, clothing and bedding and other emoluments were recorded under the heading of Salaries and Wages. Prior to 1st April, 1955, rations of officers, clothing and other emoluments were treated in the accounts not as remuneration of officers, but as part of the total expenditure on Food, Drink and Tobacco, Clothing and Bedding, etc. In the table of average costs it will be noted that in 1955-56 the loan cost figure of £25,413 showed an increase of £8,747 over the cost of the preceding year.

An adverse movement in the financial position of the Board for the period commencing on the 1st April, 1954 and ending on the 31st March, 1956, is worthy of note. On the former date the Revenue Account carried a credit balance of £29,850. By the 31st March, 1955, the credit balance had grown to £37,146, and at the 31st March, 1956, not alone had the credit balance disappeared, but a debit balance of £25,019 had been created. In the cash position over the period as expressed in the Statements of Cash Assets and Liabilities at the 31st March, 1955, and the 31st March, 1956, showed that a £58,483 surplus of cash assets over liabilities at the former date had changed into a deficit of £2,955 at the latter date.

The reasons for the decline in the state of the finances were, firstly, the bringing into the demand for 1955-56 of a sum of £36,405 as an estimated credit balance and secondly, excess expenditure under a number of headings, notably,

Salaries and Wages, Heating and Lighting, Superannuations and Medicines. But for the fact that the actual expenditure on a number of other sub-heads fell considerably short of the estimated expenditure, the adverse balance at the 31st March, 1956, would have reached serious dimensions. All excess expenditure incurred during the periods under audit was approved by the Board.

The total expenditure out of Capital Account in the years under audit was £150,615 in 1954-55 and £141,869 in 1955-56. The greater part of this expenditure was incurred in (a) the erection and equipping of two new units and six staff houses at Portrane, (b) the reconstruction of No. 4 division at Grangegorman, (c) new stores, improvement of water supply and the purchase of residence for a Medical Officer—all at Grangegorman.

The Board should decide on the disposal of certain dormant balances appearing in the statement of receipts and expenditure of capital moneys.

Whilst the time and expense involved in stock-keeping in all the departments of the hospital must be very considerable, the manner in which the records relating to stores, stocks and stocktaking was presented for audit could hardly be excelled. Breakages of delph in a few instances might be regarded as rather high.

In recent years the annual turnover of the Portrane farm and garden account was in the region of £72,000. The change over from the slaughtering of beasts locally to the purchasing of supplies of beef and mutton under contract was primarily the cause of the decrease in the farm expenses for the year ended the 31st March, 1956, compared with the preceding year. Detailed costings of all farm operations were prepared in respect of the years under audit.

A number of alterations was made in the Health Services Grant claim for 1954-55 before certification.

The premiums due on the insurances of the various properties of the Board have been paid to date, and the bonds of the several officers required to give security, were in order.

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E. Mac GUAIGIN,

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GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS

For the Year ended

31st MARCH, 1955.

GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

Abstract of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 1955.

RECEIPTS	Amount	Total	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance (if any) in favour at close of last year ...		29,850 5 2	Balance (if any) against at close of last year ...		—
Money supplied by Contributing Authorities:—			Salaries and Wages ...	279,185 18 7	
County Borough of Dublin ...	565,229 0 0		Superannuations, etc. ...	34,372 8 3	
County of Dublin ...	77,389 0 0		Food, drink and tobacco ...	142,902 1 7	
County of Wicklow ...	58,660 0 0		Farm expenses ...	83,413 15 10	
Paying Patients:—			Materials for washing and cleansing ...	2,679 17 2	
County Borough of Dublin ...	40,377 12 6		Medicines ...	8,292 10 7	
County of Dublin ...	7,607 15 8		Heating, lighting & water supplies ...	60,615 12 9	
County of Wicklow ...	3,678 4 5		Clothing and bedding ...	42,524 9 1	
Criminal Lunatics:—			Furniture, Cookery and Hardware ...	7,576 12 7	
State Funds ...	4,750 9 0		Medical and surgical appliances ...	2,070 1 8	
Private Sources ...	4,236 4 6		Structural alterations, repairs and upkeep of institutions ...	24,373 7 8	
Non-District Patients ...	4,591 13 1		Stationery, printing and advertising ...	3,418 16 6	
Sale of farm and garden produce ...	10,362 19 5		Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	4,662 7 7	
Sale of offal and old stores ...	333 1 4		Re-afforestation of Portlaine ...	137 17 0	
Interest allowed by Treasurer ...	499 12 0		Telephones, newspapers, stamp duties, law costs and other miscellaneous expenses ...	13,283 16 5	
Misc. Rates ...	78 2 0		Loan Charges ...	16,696 6 11	
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	47 12 1		Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals ...	188 16 10	
Contributions from Salaries and Wages under Superannuation Acts ...	10,654 8 2		Cost of conveyance of persons to Hospital ...	61 12 0	
Deductions from Salaries and Wages Transferred from Patients' Private Property Account ...	4,391 2 7		Fees to authorised Medical Officers ...	1,554 19 0	726,590 2 1
Property Account ...	2,129 18 3	733,885 15 0			
TOTAL ...		763,736 0 2	TOTAL ...		726,590 2 1
Balance (if any) AGAINST at close of year ...			Balance (if any) IN FAVOUR at close of year ...		37,145 18 1
		£ 763,736 0 2			£ 763,736 0 2

SUMMARY OF APPORTIONMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON REVENUE ACCOUNT.

CHARGE							Total	DEBIT		
Names of Contributing Authorities	Balance in favour at close of last year	Money Supplied	RECEIPTS			Balance against at close of year		Balance against at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of year
			Criminal Lunatics	Faying Patients	Other Receipts					
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
n. Borough of Dublin	11,300 2 2	505,229 0 0	5,925 11 0	40,377 12 6	25,473 19 9	—	589,306 6 5	—	559,382 19 11	29,322 6 6
n. Dublin	14,282 2 2	77,309 0 0	1,238 3 8	7,067 15 8	4,554 7 2	—	104,321 9 8	—	100,000 5 10	4,522 2 10
n. Wicklow	4,247 18 10	55,000 0 0	831 15 10	3,678 4 5	3,090 2 0	—	59,898 4 1	—	57,196 14 4	2,701 7 9
	429,530 5 2	660,575 0 0	48,995 12 8	451,123 12 7	433,685 8 11	—	4765,706 0 2	—	4726,590 2 1	437,145 18 1

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONIES.

Original amount appropriated	Purpose for which obtained	CHARGE						Total	DISBURSE		
		Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Installments received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of year		Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of year
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
—	Land at Ballinacree and Bantry sold	1,100 0 0	—	—	271 5 0	271 5 0	—	1,371 5 0	—	—	1,371 5 0
—	Compensation for Pipe at Bantry	1,568 14 6	—	—	—	—	—	1,568 14 6	—	—	1,568 14 6
—	Female Vetting Hall (G.I.)	—	—	—	—	—	700 6 1	700 6 1	700 6 1	—	—
4,000	Kitchen equipment Bakery machinery (G.I.)	—	1,800 0 0	—	—	1,800 0 0	1,648 15 4	2,548 15 4	1,797 10 2	1,051 5 2	—
20,000	Reconstruction of No. 4 Div. (G.I.) Two Houses (P.)	—	11,200 0 0	18,000 0 0	—	29,200 0 0	7,253 2 2	36,453 2 2	10,629 7 0	25,723 15 6	—
5,000	Furniture for M.V. Hall and Sunday works (G.I.)	—	—	—	—	—	2,733 2 10	2,733 2 10	337 4 2	2,435 18 8	—
2,500	Overexpenditure on M. V. Hall (G.I.)	—	4,000 0 0	1,125 0 0	—	5,125 0 0	698 15 6	5,823 15 6	5,561 1 7	262 13 11	—
2,500	Purchase etc., 217 S.C. Rd., New Store & Water Services, Female Side (G.I.)	—	—	—	—	—	3,327 19 1	3,327 19 1	205 11 0	3,062 8 1	—
1,000	Children's Iodine and Home for H.M.S. (P.)	—	—	—	—	—	2,777 4 10	2,777 4 10	—	2,777 4 10	—
500	Boiler replacement (P.)	—	—	—	—	—	2,306 18 6	2,306 18 6	—	2,306 18 6	—
800	Two New Units & 6 Staff Houses (P.)	—	20,000 0 0	74,500 0 0	—	94,500 0 0	26,794 14 4	119,294 14 4	6,438 1 11	112,856 12 5	—
—	Furnishing New Units (P.)	—	—	—	—	—	18 7 0	18 7 0	—	18 7 0	—
—	Continuation of Heating & Hot Water Services, Male Side (G.I.)	—	—	—	—	—	212 1 4	212 1 4	212 1 4	—	—
		12,668 14 6	227,000 0 0	238,525 0 0	271 5 0	2100,806 2 0	245,981 0 10	1179,546 9 4	225,991 4 0	1150,515 5 10	22,939 19 6

(G.I.) Grangegeehan.

(P.) Portrane.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF THE YEAR

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Treasurer, due by him :—		By Treasurer, Due to him :—	
Ordinary Account	74,413 13 2	Ordinary Account	—
Loans Expenditure Account	—	Loans Expenditure Account	43,041 10 4
Patients' Private Property Account	1,274 4 4	Patients' Private Property Account	—
To Registrar, due by him :—		By Loans Receipt and Expenditure :—	
Patients' Private Property Account	6 13 3	Unexpended Balances	2,939 19 6
To Agricultural Manager, Due by him :—		By Patients' Private Property Account :—	
Live Stock Purchase Account	1,000 0 0	Due to Patients	1,280 17 7
To Loan Receipts and Expenditure :—		By Unpaid Bills :—	
Expenditure in excess of Loans	45,381 9 10	Ordinary Account	42,467 15 1
To Accountant, Due by him :—		By Hospital Fund, Balances in favour of :—	
Grangeogorman Wages Account	2,000 0 0	County Borough of Dublin	29,922 6 8
Portrane Wages Account	2,000 0 0	County of Dublin	4,522 3 10
Grangeogorman Petty Cash	100 0 0	County of Wicklow	2,701 7 9
Portrane Petty Cash	100 0 0		
To Hospital Fund, Balances against :—			
County Borough of Dublin	—		
County of Dublin	—		
County of Wicklow	—		
	£128,876 0 2		£128,876 0 2

TABLE (A)—STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON 31st MARCH, 1955.

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Balance to credit:—	£	s. d.	Balance due to Treasurer on Revenue Account	£	s. d.
Revenue Account	74,413	15 2	Unpaid bills due by Board:—		
Live Stock Purchase Account	1,000	0 0	Salaries and Wages	16,015	11 9
Grasscutters' Wages Account	2,000	0 0	Superannuations	27	2 1
Portrait Wages Account	2,000	0 0	Food, drink and tobacco	10,323	12 5
Congressmen's Petty Cash	100	0 0	Farm Expenses	3,256	4 3
Business Petty Cash	100	0 0	Materials for Washing or Cleaning	291	3 7
			Medicines	1,107	17 3
Balance due for maintenance:—			Heating Lighting and Water Supplies	8,099	12 2
Clinical Lectures 1954-55	4,267	13 0	Clothing and Bedding	555	2 8
Service Patients	4,595	3 4	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	739	17 7
Sanitary Paying Patients (Approx.)	19,000	0 0	Medical and Surgical Appliances	290	4 0
			Structural Alterations, Repairs and		
Balance due for Comfort Allowance	1,521	7 10	Upkeep of Institutions	1,655	11 10
			Stationery, Printing and Advertising	494	5 9
			Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	10	0 8
Balance due by Contributing Authorities:—			Re-afforestation of Portraits	5	0
Corporation of Dublin			Telephones, Newspapers, Stamp Duties,		
Co. Council of Dublin			Law Costs and other Miscellaneous		
Co. Council of Wicklow			Expenses	2,136	7 7
			Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals	5	5 3
Deposits with:—			Fees to Authorized Medical Officers	215	8 0
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	48	0 0	Conveyance of Patients to Mental Hospital	3	14 0
Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund	700	0 0	Loan Charges		
			Other Liabilities:—		62,467 15 1
			Comforts Allowances unpaid	573	6 9
			Salaries and Wages (approx.)	1,890	0 0
					1,773 6 9
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	120,723	17 4	TOTAL LIABILITIES	144,241	1 10

TABLE B.—STATEMENT OF CAPITAL DEBT
OTHER THAN STOCK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1955

TABLE B.—STATEMENT OF CAPITAL RESOURCES STOCK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1953.

Original sanctioned (1)	Amount borrowed (2)	Date sanctioned (3)	From whom borrowed (4)	For what period (5)	Rate of interest (6)	Mode of repayment whether by annuity or otherwise (7)	Particulars of expenditure (8)	Balance due at close of last year (9)	Installments received during year (10)	Interest accrued during period (11)	Total both sides of account (12)	Installments of Principal and Interest repaid during period (13)	Balance Due at close of this period (14)	Loans A/c folio (15)
£ s. d.	£ s. d.							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
5,600 0 0	1,368 1 9	27 July, 1928	Commissioners of Public Works.	25 years	5½%	By equal half-yearly instalments of Principal.	Old storage shed and lavation room (G.)	7 2 2		4 1	7 7 4	7 7 4	—	2
2,770 0 0	2,770 0 0	25 May, 1928		25 "	5½%		Erection of 10 beds for T.B. Patients (G.).	25 8 0		14 8	39 2 8	39 2 8	—	4
4,300 0 0	4,350 0 0	22 Oct. 1929		25 "	5½%		Erection of 10 beds, Ballymonee, (P.).	109 18 0		2 16 8	112 12 5	112 12 5	—	5
10,500 0 0	10,423 0 0	2 Feb. 1932		25 "	5½%		Erection of 20 beds staff (P.).	3,973 1 5		294 2 8	4,197 5 1	522 3 8	3,674 19 7	6
10,900 0 0	10,000 0 0	8 Feb. 1935		25 "	4½%		Purchase of 20 beds, etc., (P.).	2,377 12 0		108 4 11	2,485 17 0	504 10 5	1,981 7 5	7
2,060 0 0	2,567 0 0	5 June, 1935		25 "	4½%		Erection of 10 beds staff (P.).	830 15 2		27 18 9	858 11 11	175 1 9	683 10 2	8
22,150 0 0	22,150 0 0	29 Feb. 1938		25 "	4½%		House for 100; Asst. Farm Manager, Curragh, etc., (P.).	6,245 0 0		298 2 11	6,531 2 11	1,172 2 11	5,359 0 0	9
42,750 0 0	42,750 0 0	27 Sept. 1937		35 "	4½%		Nurses' House	24,632 17 10		1,237 0 4	25,869 18 2	2,458 12 6	23,411 5 8	10
18,104 0 0	18,171 0 0	20 Sept. 1938		35 "	4½%		Balance on last House (G.) and Cost of extension etc. (P.).	10,994 11 6		565 8 11	11,560 0 0	1,084 12 5	10,475 8 0	11
11,600 0 0	11,500 0 0	20 Nov. 1947		30 "	3½%		Erection of 10 beds, etc., (G.).	8,316 12 8		284 16 11	8,601 10 5	668 3 7	7,933 6 8	17
8,507 0 0	8,000 0 0	15 Nov. 1946		10 "	3½%		Oil Burning Appliances etc. (G. & P.).	4,250 0 0		130 15 0	4,380 15 0	960 15 0	3,420 0 0	18
15,000 0 0	13,000 0 0	5 Nov. 1949		10 "	3½%		Alterations in Kitchen & Laundry Machinery etc. (G. & P.).	2,700 0 0		257 4 6	2,957 4 6	1,627 4 6	1,330 0 0	19
13,900 0 0	12,245 0 0	8 May, 1952		10 "	5½%		Overexpansion, Pasture, Laundry Machinery (G. & P.).	11,025 4 0		562 13 8	11,588 17 8	1,787 9 8	9,799 8 0	20
13,000 0 0	15,000 0 0	29 Aug. 1952		20 "	5½%		Male Patients' Hall (G.).	14,625 0 0		757 19 11	15,382 19 11	1,507 19 11	13,875 0 0	21
4,000 0 0	1,800 0 0	4 Nov. 1952		10 "	4½%		Kitchen and equipment (G.).	—	1,800 0 0	82 1 0	1,882 1 0	245 1 0	1,637 0 0	22
128,500 0 0	20,000 0 0	1 May, 1953		20 "	4½%		Two New Patients' Staff Houses (P.).	—	20,000 0 0	271 4 7	20,271 4 7	604 11 2	19,666 13 4	23
5,400 0 0	4,000 0 0	1 May, 1954		20 "	4½%		Overexpansion, Female Visiting Hall (G.).	—	4,000 0 0	73 8 0	4,073 8 0	173 8 0	3,900 0 0	24
50,000 0 0	11,500 0 0	10 June, 1954		20 "	4½%		Remodelling of 20 beds (P.).	—	11,500 0 0	146 19 6	11,646 19 6	478 19 6	11,168 0 0	25
4,000 0 0	8,000 0 0	8 Nov. 1950	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.	15 "	4%	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%	Building and Equipment (G.).	200 0 0		4 0 0	204 0 0	204 0 0	—	12
10,800 0 0	10,800 0 0	21 Oct. 1950		15 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		New Laundry shed near station (G.).	3,780 15 4		129 14 9	3,909 9 1	1,439 14 9	2,469 15 4	13
3,700 0 0	5,000 0 0	2 Sept. 1940		15 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		Farm Improvement, Laundry works (G.).	500 0 0		16 17 0	516 17 0	250 2 8	266 14 2	14
6,700 0 0	8,700 0 0	1 Mar. 1942		15 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		Completion of 20 beds near station (G.).	2,909 6 8		112 14 10	3,021 10 8	558 8 2	2,463 12 6	15
								103,411 2 2	27,000 0 0	5,284 2 4	147,855 5 7	16,668 6 11	131,187 18 6	

TABLE (C).—RETURN OF HOSPITAL INSURANCES

Name of all Buildings belonging to the Joint Board standing separately whether insured or not	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE			Amount of Annual Premium	Name of Office in which the Insurance is effected	In whose Custody Policy is	Period covered by Premium paid during year
	Buildings	Furniture Fixings and other Goods	Total				
GRANGEORMAN FIRE INSURANCES.							
Male hospital, female hospital, Grangeorman Avenue, North Dublin Union Avenue, temporary (wooden) buildings, chapels, gale lodge, mortuary, workshops, laundry, boiler house, bakery, consumptive sanatorium, farm buildings, new nurses' home, male visiting hall and all other buildings connected with the Mental Hospital; the contents thereof, including boilers, electrical and other machinery, goods in store, live stock, medicinal hall, cinema plant, and three A.M.O.'s houses with garages, 217 1/2, Clontarf Rd.	£ 1,329,730	£ 218,190	£ 1,547,920		Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.	Chief Clerk.	Mar. 25, 1956
			1,503 16 9				
PORTRANE FIRE INSURANCES.							
Male hospital, temporary (wooden) buildings, Agricultural Manager's house, stockkeeper's house, artisans' and students' cottages, consumptive sanatorium, isolation hospital and laundry, head's house, farm buildings and all other buildings and out-offices connected with the Mental Hospital; the contents thereof, including boilers, electrical and other machinery, talking plant, and including goods in store and live stock and agricultural produce; farm buildings and Old Earl's house at Turvey Avenue, Tullaghe water meter house, Broadmeadow pumping station, Lisenduff pumping station and plant; houses Nos. 35-37 and A.M.O.'s houses and Head Attendant's house, Portrane estate, extension to Nurses' home and contents	820,695	250,120	1,070,815		Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.	Chief Clerk.	Oct. 27, 1955, Mar. 25, 1956, Feb. 26, 1956, Feb. 26, 1956, Feb. 26, 1956, Jan. 25, 1956.
Buildings in progress	25,336	—	25,336				
Sentry Court Buildings	23,690	—	23,690				
	2,482,961	411,310	2,894,271	1,531 16 9			
Cash in Transit							
Cinematograph films in stock and transit				15 4 1			
Motor vehicles, Portrane				1 10 0			
Vanishall towing car, Portrane				26 8 0			
Bed truck towing car, Grangeorman				1 4 0			
Fidelity Guarantee Insurance				16 7 2			
				27 12 8			
BOILERS AND ENGINEERING INSURANCES.							
GRANGEORMAN: All heating, domestic and steam boilers, steam cooking apparatus, electrical machines, motors, starters, switches, resistances, refrigerator plant and accessories		85,450			Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.	Chief Clerk.	Mar. 25, 1955.
Electric lifts, nurses' home, including Red party risks		1,200					
PORTRANE: All steam boilers, combined engine and dynamo, steam cooking apparatus, electrical machines, motors, starters, switches, switchboard, resistances and accessories			64,810	778 2 2			
			216,260				

AVERAGE COSTS 1954/55

Nature of Expenditure	COST DURING YEAR.			AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT.		
	Grangegorman	Portrane	Total	Grangegorman	Portrane	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Food, Drink and Tobacco	129,300 13 9	54,020 19 10	204,321 13 7	3 1-35	2 9-49	2 11-68
Materials for Washing or Cleansing ...	1,562 15 8	1,667 14 6	2,570 10 2	0-47	0-43	0-45
Medicines	3,262 0 7	3,096 10 0	6,298 10 7	1-61	1-23	1-45
Heating, Lighting and Water Supply ...	28,821 0 5	32,729 14 9	61,550 15 2	8-95	1 1-04	10-74
Clothing and Bedding	23,390 14 0	19,133 15 1	42,524 9 1	7-26	7-63	7-45
Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ...	3,050 8 0	2,526 4 7	7,576 12 7	1-57	1-01	1-32
Medical and Surgical Appliances ...	1,744 19 8	334 2 0	2,079 1 8	0-54	0-13	0-36
MAINTENANCE COST	186,012 12 1	142,909 0 9	328,921 12 10	4 9-75	4 8-96	4 9-40
ESTABLISHMENT COST	219,029 1 5	142,319 12 5	361,339 13 10	5 8-00	4 8-73	5 3-06
LOAN COST	10,804 15 8	6,061 11 3	16,666 6 11	3-29	2-41	2-91
	£415,637 9 2	£291,290 4 5	£706,927 13 7	10 9-04	9 8-10	10 3-37

Daily average number of patients resident:—

Grangegorman	2,118
Portrane	1,650
Total	3,768

TABLE

Showing the Daily Average number of Patients resident in the Mental Hospital from each County each Year since 1935-36.

Year		SUBDIVISION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT			Criminal Lunatics	Non-District Patients	TOTAL
		City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow			
1935-36	..	2,715	490	220	72	—	2,808
1936-37	..	2,726	494	221	71	—	2,822
1937-38	..	2,700	505	223	71	—	2,907
1938-39	..	2,727	518	224	69	5	2,651
1939-40	..	2,728	520	214	70	10	2,642
1940-41	..	2,760	516	212	64	4	2,656
1941-42	..	2,703	504	206	68	7	2,588
1942-43	..	2,384	474	284	62	6	2,410
1943-44	..	2,501	432	280	56	2	2,231
1944-45	..	2,507	450	272	57	4	2,290
1945-46	..	2,531	458	279	53	8	2,331
1946-47	..	2,527	477	281	53	14	2,352
1947-48	..	2,438	469	287	53	23	2,302
1948-49	..	2,324	473	291	54	22	2,366
1949-50	..	2,577	493	306	50	15	2,441
1950-51	..	2,631	493	322	49	19	2,514
1951-52	..	2,633	505	320	50	15	2,533
1952-53	..	2,691	526	334	51	16	2,620
1953-54	..	2,823	497	337	49	25	2,730
1954-55	..	2,847	509	342	48	25	2,768

BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

Extract from Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

Section 43 (4).—

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The net cost of maintenance of the chargeable patients is determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

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I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the books and accounts of the Grangegorman District Mental Hospital.

Dated this day of 19

.....
Chief Clerk.

CERTIFICATE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR OF CORRECTNESS OF ABSTRACT.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I have audited the books and accounts of the Grangegorman District Mental Hospital for the year ended the day of 19 , and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true abstract therefrom.

Dated this day of 19

.....
Local Government Auditor.

GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS

For the Year ended

31st MARCH, 1956.

GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

Abstract of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 1956.

RECEIPTS	Amount	Total	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance (if any) in favour at close of last year		27,145 18 1	Balance (if any) against at close of last year		—
Money supplied by Contributing Authorities:—			Salaries and Wages	410,460 5 4	
County Borough of Dublin	491,668 0 0		Superannuations, etc.	43,710 4 4	
County of Dublin	80,248 0 0		Food, drink and tobacco	94,195 15 9	
County of Wicklow	52,491 0 0		Farm expenses	71,826 13 1	
Paying Patients:—			Materials for washing and cleansing	3,109 6 3	
County Borough of Dublin	32,914 14 0		Medicines	10,839 9 11	
County of Dublin	8,084 14 3		Heating, lighting & water supplies	66,439 13 3	
County of Wicklow	3,851 1 1		Clothing and bedding	23,881 6 3	
Criminal Lunatics:—			Furniture, Crockery & Hardware	6,491 19 10	
State Funds	4,289 7 2		Medical and surgical appliances	2,465 19 6	
Private Sources	4,015 2 2		Structural alterations, repairs and upkeep of institutions	25,325 18 0	
Non-District Patients	5,144 8 3		Stationery, printing and advertising	3,673 3 11	
Sale of farm and garden produce	12,097 13 2		Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	5,023 6 0	
Sale of offal and odd stores	942 16 2		Re-afforestation of Postrane	227 10 5	
Interest allowed by Treasurer	484 0 0		Telephones, newspapers, stamp duties, law costs and other miscellaneous expenses	12,967 5 11	
Rents	78 0 6		Fees to authorised Medical Officers	2,645 10 0	
Miscellaneous Receipts	44 9 0		Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals	313 13 6	
Contributions from Salaries and Wages under Superannuation Acts	11,406 15 4		Conveyance of persons to Hospital	215 11 2	
Deductions from Salaries and Wages	31,381 17 0	782,651 18 2	Loan Charges	25,412 10 6	
TOTAL	—	£ 789,197 10 4	TOTAL	—	814,217 2 11
Balance (if any) AGAINST at close of year	—	25,019 6 7	Balance (if any) IN FAVOUR at close of year	—	814,217 2 11
		£ 814,217 2 11			£ 814,217 2 11

SUMMARY OF APPORTIONMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON REVENUE ACCOUNT.

CHARGE								Total	DISCHARGE		
Name of Contributing Authorities	Balance in favour at close of last year	Money Supplied	RECEIPTS			Balance against at close of year	Balance against at close of last year		Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of year	
			Criminal Lunatics	Paying Patients	Other Receipts						
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
County Borough of Dublin	28,222 6 8	491,868 0 0	6,425 1 10	32,914 14 0	47,574 5 1	21,468 4 7	629,992 14 0	—	629,992 14 0	—	
County Dublin	4,232 2 10	90,262 0 0	1,121 7 8	8,094 14 2	8,302 4 2	1,007 2 8	100,946 12 9	—	100,946 12 9	—	
County Wicklow	2,700 7 9	50,691 0 0	757 19 10	3,891 1 1	5,612 10 2	1,905 17 4	74,217 10 2	—	74,217 10 2	—	
	£ 35,145 18 1	632,607 0 0	8,204 9 4	44,899 9 8	61,488 12 5	25,615 6 7	814,217 2 11	—	814,217 2 11	—	

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONIES.

Original Amount Sanctioned	Purpose for which obtained	CHARGE							DISCHARGE		
		Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Installments received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of year	Total	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of year
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
—	Land at Ballinacorney & Smoky, add.	1,371 2 0	—	—	—	—	—	1,371 2 0	—	—	1,371 2 0
—	Compensation for Fire, Smoky	1,568 14 6	—	—	—	—	—	1,568 14 6	—	—	1,568 14 6
27,000 0 0	Female Visiting Hall and New Pharmacy (a)	—	—	—	—	—	7,450 18 4	7,450 18 4	700 4 1	6,750 12 3	—
4,000 0 0	Kitchen, equipment & bakery machinery	—	1,400 0 0	—	—	1,600 0 0	—	1,400 0 0	1,048 15 4	351 15 1	23 9 7
20,000 0 0	Reconstruction No. 4 (Div.) (a) Two Houses (c)	—	21,000 0 0	—	113 4 6	21,113 4 6	1,034 9 4	22,147 12 10	1,252 2 2	20,895 10 2	—
1,500 0 0	Furnish for M.V. Hall & Smoky works (b)	—	1,000 0 0	—	—	1,000 0 0	—	1,000 0 0	2,732 2 10	40 15 11	206 1 2
1,400 0 0	Over expenditure on M.V. Hall (a)	—	—	—	—	—	698 15 6	698 15 6	698 15 6	—	—
45,000 0 0	Purchase, etc. 217 N.C.H. New House & Water Service, Female side (a)	—	20,000 0 0	—	20 10 0	20,020 10 0	3,267 2 0	23,277 12 8	3,222 18 1	20,055 14 6	—
22,000 0 0	Children's Div. & House for R.R.M.S. (a)	—	14,000 0 0	—	—	14,000 0 0	6,267 10 1	16,267 10 1	2,777 4 10	13,490 5 3	—
7,500 0 0	Bulldozer replacements (c)	—	7,500 0 0	—	—	7,500 0 0	—	7,500 0 0	2,286 12 6	1,702 0 2	2,600 12 8
25,000 0 0	Two New Units & 8 Staff Houses (P.)	—	63,900 0 0	7,500 0 0	15 16 0	77,415 16 0	10,862 12 2	88,278 0 2	26,794 14 4	61,483 15 8	—
20,000 0 0	Change over to R.R. Supply and Equipment No. 8 Kitchens (c)	—	—	—	—	—	822 8 9	822 8 9	—	822 8 9	—
24,000 0 0	Centralization of stores, etc. Service, male side (a)	—	—	—	—	—	2,262 1 11	2,262 1 11	212 1 4	2,050 0 7	—
21,400 0 0	Furnishing New Units (b); No. 4 & 217 N.C.H. (a); Accounting machine (a)	—	—	—	—	—	4,550 7 0	6,500 7 9	18 2 0	6,518 0 0	—
—	Reconstruction No. 3 (a)	—	—	—	—	—	512 2 7	512 2 7	—	512 2 7	—
		2,278 12 6	145,500 0 0	7,500 0 0	145 11 0	153,434 13 0	20,018 12 5	173,452 0 5	42,201 8 10	131,250 12 2	6,660 12 20

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF THE YEAR

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Treasurer, due by him :—				By Treasurer, Due to him :—			
Ordinary Account	—	—	—	Ordinary Account	1,196	19	11
Loans Expenditure Account	—	—	—	Loans Expenditure Account	21,468	19	7
Patients' Private Property Account	572	9	2	Patients' Private Property Account	—	—	—
To Registrar, due by him :—				By Loans Receipt and Expenditure :—			
Patients' Private Property Account	29	4	2	Unexpended Balances	6,343	12	10
To Agricultural Manager, Due by him :—				By Patients' Private Property Account :—			
Live Stock Purchase Account	1,800	0	0	Due to Patients	1,910	12	9
To Loan Receipts and Expenditure :—				By Unpaid Bills :—			
Expenditure in excess of Loans	23,918	12	3	Ordinary Account	23,302	4	0
To Accountant, Due by him :—				By Hospital Fund, Balances in favour of :—			
Gangergorman Wages Account	2,000	0	0	County Borough of Dublin	—	—	—
Portrane Wages Account	2,000	0	0	County of Dublin	—	—	—
Gangergorman Petty Cash	700	0	0	County of Wicklow	—	—	—
Portrane Petty Cash	200	0	0				
To Hospital Fund, Balances against :—							
County Borough of Dublin	21,468	4	7				
County of Dublin	1,887	2	6				
County of Wicklow	2,960	17	4				
	29,445	12	9				
					29,445	12	9

TABLE (A)—STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON 1st MARCH, 1936.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Balances to credit:— Revenue Account ————— £ s. d. Live Stock Purchase Account ————— 1,000 0 0 Grangemaster Wages Account ————— 2,000 0 0 Portman Wages Account ————— 2,000 0 0 Grangemaster Petty Cash ————— 200 0 0 Portman Petty Cash ————— 200 0 0 Balances due for maintenance:— Criminal Lunatics 1935-36 ————— £ 550 4 1 Service Patients ————— 8,982 14 11 Sundry Paying Patients (Approx.) ————— 10,000 0 0 Balances due for Combridge Allowances ————— £ 5,028 10 4 Balances due by Contributing Authorities:— Corporation of Dublin ————— ———— Co. Council of Dublin ————— ———— Co. Council of Wicklow ————— ———— Deposits with:— Minister for Posts and Telegraphs ————— £ 46 8 6 Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund ————— 306 8 6		Balance due to Treasurer on Revenue Account £ s. d. Unpaid bills due by Board:— Salaries and Wages ————— 1,912 5 2 Superannuations ————— 67 10 3 Food, drink and tobacco ————— 8,810 12 4 Farm Expenses ————— 2,500 17 8 Materials for Washing or Cleaning ————— 164 18 10 Medicines ————— 1,270 5 6 Heating, Lighting and Water Supplies ————— 7,308 18 10 Clothing and Bedding ————— 847 12 11 Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ————— 473 10 4 Medical and Surgical Appliances ————— 495 0 11 Structural Alterations, Repairs and Upkeep of Institutions ————— 1,074 10 11 Stationery, Printing and Advertising ————— 628 12 2 Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ————— 11 2 4 Re-afforestation of Portman ————— ———— Telephones, Newspapers, Stamp Duties, Low Costs and other Miscellaneous Expenses ————— 2,778 5 0 Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals ————— 77 1 2 Fees to Authorized Medical Officers ————— 212 18 0 Conveyance of Persons to Hospital ————— 27 11 0 Overpayment on behalf of Paying Patients ————— 81 12 0 Loss Charges ————— 263 4 11 Other Liabilities:— Combridge Allowances unpaid ————— £ 671 9 10 Salaries and Wages (approx.) ————— 1,142 0 0 TOTAL CASH ASSETS £29,578 9 4 TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,812 9 10 £ 32,222 4 5	1156.19.11

TABLE B.—STATEMENT OF CAPITAL DEBT
OTHER THAN STOCK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956

TABLE B.—STATEMENT OF CAPITAL DEBT STOCK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.

Original amortised (1)	Amount Borrowed (2)	Date sanctioned (3)	From whom Borrowed (4)	For what Period (5)	Rate of Interest (6)	Mode of Repayment whether by Annuity or otherwise (7)	PURPOSE DETAIL (8)	Balance due at close of last Year (9)	Installments Received during Year (10)	Interest Accrued during period (11)	Total both sides of Account (12)	Installments of Principal and Interest repaid during period (13)	Balance Due at close of this period (14)	Loans A/c. Folio
£ s. d.	£ s. d.							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
10,000 0 0	10,435 0 0	2 Feb. 1952	Commissioners of Public Works.	25 years	5½%	By equal half-yearly installments of Principal.	Erection of 24 House (P.) ...	5,674 19 7	—	207 0 11	2,882 0 0	505 9 9	2,376 17 9	6
10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	8 Feb. 1955		25 "	4½%		Purchase of Land (P.) ...	1,981 7 2	—	89 8 8	2,070 15 11	483 14 2	1,585 1 9	7
2,000 0 0	2,587 0 0	5 June, 1953		25 "	4½%		Erection of 1 house (P.) ...	695 10 2	—	21 0 4	724 16 0	168 11 4	556 5 2	8
22,150 0 0	22,150 0 0	20 Feb. 1956		25 "	4½%		Houses for A.S.T. Ass. Farm Manager, Turvey Farm (P.) ...	5,250 0 0	—	244 1 2	5,493 1 2	1,120 1 2	4,373 0 0	9
42,750 0 0	42,750 0 0	27 Sept. 1957		25 "	4½%		Nurses' House (P.) ...	22,411 5 8	—	1,174 19 2	24,586 4 11	2,396 11 5	22,189 12 6	10
10,104 0 0	10,171 0 0	20 Sept. 1959		25 "	4½%		Balance cost of House (P.) and Cost of extension to House (P.) ...	10,465 8 0	—	538 2 7	11,003 10 7	1,037 11 1	9,966 4 8	11
11,500 0 0	11,500 0 0	20 Nov. 1947		20 "	4½%		Erection of Two Houses, etc. (G.) ...	8,932 6 8	—	572 0 2	9,504 6 11	836 8 11	8,668 0 0	12
8,300 0 0	8,300 0 0	15 Nov. 1948		10 "	4½%		Oil Burning Plant, etc. (G. & P.) ...	2,400 0 0	—	102 15 2	2,502 15 2	932 15 2	2,570 0 0	18
13,000 0 0	13,000 0 0	2 Nov. 1949		10 "	4½%		Alterations to Kitchen & Laundry Machinery etc. (G. & P.) ...	8,400 0 0	—	308 19 4	8,708 19 4	1,608 19 4	7,100 0 0	19
13,000 0 0	13,248 0 0	8 May, 1952		10 "	5½%		Overexpansion of Kitchen, Laundry Machi- nery (G. & P.) ...	9,798 8 0	—	438 2 8	10,236 10 8	1,723 2 8	8,513 12 0	20
13,000 0 0	13,000 0 0	29 Dec. 1952		20 "	4½%		Male Patients' House (P.) ...	12,875 0 0	—	718 12 4	14,593 12 4	1,468 12 4	13,125 0 0	21
4,900 0 0	2,800 0 0	4 Nov., 1952		10 "	4½%		Kitchen and Storehouse (P.) ...	1,620 0 0	1,400 0 0	125 14 2	3,145 14 2	445 14 2	2,700 0 0	22
128,800 0 0	20,000 0 0	1 May, 1954		20 "	4½%		Two New Halls of Staff Houses (P.) ...	19,668 11 4	60,900 0 0	2,822 1 1	92,408 14 5	5,625 14 5	86,783 0 0	23
2,400 0 0	1,000 0 0	1 May, 1954		20 "	4½%		Overexpansion Kitchen Dining Hall (G.) ...	2,900 0 0	—	182 17 2	4,082 17 2	282 17 2	3,800 0 0	24
8,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	12 July, 1954		10 "	4½%		Furniture for Staff House (G.) ...	—	2,000 0 0	100 0 8	2,100 0 8	406 0 8	2,500 0 0	25
50,000 0 0	11,200 0 0	10 June, 1954		20 "	4½%		Reconstruction of Staff House (P.) ...	10,220 0 0	21,000 0 0	1,047 14 2	22,267 14 2	2,192 14 2	20,075 0 0	26
21,000 0 0	14,000 0 0	5 July, 1955		20 "	4½%		New Children's House (P.) ...	—	14,000 0 0	267 2 8	14,267 2 8	440 2 8	13,827 0 0	27
42,300 0 0	22,000 0 0	13 Sept., 1955		20 "	4½%		New House, Kitchen & Hall (P.) ...	—	22,000 0 0	255 2 10	22,255 2 10	828 2 10	21,427 0 0	28
19,900 0 0	19,900 0 0	21 Oct., 1956	Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd.	15 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		New Laundry and Staff House (G.) ...	2,400 12 4	—	87 19 1	2,487 12 5	1,407 19 1	1,080 12 4	29
3,700 0 0	3,800 0 0	2 Sept., 1956		15 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		Farm improvements (G.) ...	568 12 4	—	2 6 11	570 7 5	170 7 5	—	30
6,700 0 0	8,700 0 0	1 Mar., 1943		15 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		Completion of Laundry House (G.) ...	7,430 12 8	—	86 17 2	7,516 10 0	643 10 0	6,873 0 0	31
7,500 0 0	7,500 0 0	28 Jan., 1955		10 "	1% under Bank Rate Min. 4%		Overhauling Staff House (P.) ...	—	7,500 0 0	150 1 8	7,650 1 8	531 1 8	7,119 0 0	32
								111,189 18 8	145,800 0 0	2,458 0 8	258,478 2 2	25,417 10 4	233,061 14 8	

TABLE (C).—RETURN OF HOSPITAL INSURANCES

Names of all buildings belonging to the Joint Board standing separately whether insured or not	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE			Amount of Annual Premium	Name of Office in which the Insurance is effected	In whose Custody Policy is	Period covered by Premium paid during year
	Buildings	Furniture, Fittings and other Goods	Total				
GRANGEGRANMAN FIRE INSURANCES.							
Male hospital, female hospital, Grangegranman Asylum, North India Union Asylum, temporary (wooden) buildings, chapels, gate lodges, mortuary, workshops, laundry, boiler house, bakery, confectionery amatoria, farm buildings, two nurses' home, made visiting hall and all other buildings connected with the Mental Hospital; the contents thereof, including boilers, electrical and other machinery, goods in store, live stock, recreation hall, cinema plant, and three A.M.O.'s houses with outgoings, 717 Nth. Circular Rd.	£	£	£	£ s. d.			
	1,330,720	210,390	1,541,110				
PORTFARNE FIRE INSURANCES.							
Main hospital, temporary (wooden) buildings, Agricultural Manager's house, clerkmaster's houses, artists' and students' cottages, confectionery amatoria, between hospital and laundry, land's house, farm buildings and all other buildings and out-offices connected with the Mental Hospital; the contents thereof, including boilers, electrical and other machinery, milking plant, and including goods in store and live stock and agricultural produce; farm buildings and Old Herd's house at Turvey Avenue, Dunblane water meter house, Broadmeadow pumping station, Lissenhall pumping station and plant; houses Nos. 85-87 and A.M.O.'s house and Head Attendant's house, Portfarne estate, extension to Nurses' house and contents				1,350 14 2	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.		Mar. 25, 1937
Buildings in progress	920,695	236,125	1,156,820			Chief Clerk	
Santry Court Buildings	25,230	—	25,230				
	25,690	—	25,690				
	1,492,545	431,315	1,923,860	1,300 14 2			
Cash in Transit				£ s. d.			
Chromatograph films in stock and transit				1 10 0			Oct. 27, 1936
Motor tractor, Portfarne				25 7 9			Mar. 25, 1937
Taxi-hall towing car, Portfarne				4 10 2			Feb. 26, 1937
Ford truck towing car, Grangegranman				10 2 8			Feb. 26, 1937
Fidelity Guarantee Insurance				28 0 2			Jan. 25, 1937
BOILER AND ENGINEERING INSURANCES.							
GRANGEGRANMAN: All heating, domestic and steam boilers, steam cooking apparatus, electrical machines, motors, starters, switches, resistances, refrigeration plant and accessories					Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.		
Electric lifts, nurses' home, including 3rd party risks			65,420				
PORTFARNE: All steam boilers, combined engine and dynamo, steam cooking apparatus, electrical machines, motors, starters, switches, switchgear, resistances and accessories			1,200				Mar. 21, 1936
			84,560	790 14 2			
			47,28,620				

AVERAGE COSTS 1955/56

Nature of Expenditure	COST DURING YEAR			AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT.		
	Grangegorman	Portrane	Total	Grangegorman	Portrane	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Food, Drink and Tobacco	92,126 11 8	69,041 0 4	161,168 1 0	2 4.45	2 3.14	2 3.87
Materials for Washing or Cleansing	2,161 15 8	1,655 16 1	3,217 11 9	0.67	0.41	0.56
Medicines	7,378 10 10	2,610 19 1	10,989 9 11	2.28	1.42	1.90
Heating, Lighting and Water Supply	33,763 45 9	35,242 10 4	69,006 6 1	10.42	1 1.85	11.93
Clothing and Bedding	15,963 0 9	12,888 5 6	28,851 6 3	4.94	5.07	4.99
Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	4,888 6 11	1,603 12 11	6,491 19 10	1.51	.63	1.12
Medical and Surgical Appliances	2,216 13 7	250 5 11	2,466 19 6	0.68	.10	0.43
MAINTENANCE COST	158,528 15 2	123,692 19 2	282,221 14 4	4 0.95	4 0.62	4 0.80
ESTABLISHMENT COST	306,113 11 3	198,438 17 4	504,552 8 7	7 10.52	6 6.00	7 3.25
LOAN COST	13,520 6 7	11,892 3 11	25,412 10 6	4.17	4.67	4.46
	478,162 13 0	334,024 0 5	812,186 13 5	12 3.64	10 11.29	11 8.45

Daily average number of patients resident :—

Grangegorman	...	...	2,124
Portrane	...	...	1,668
TOTAL	...	...	3,792

TABLE

Showing the Daily Average number of Patients resident in the Mental Hospital from each County each Year since 1936-37.

Year	DIVISION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT			Criminal Lunatics	Non-District Patients	TOTAL
	City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow			
1936-37	2,726	494	231	71	—	3,522
1937-38	2,780	503	223	71	—	3,587
1938-39	2,737	518	234	69	3	3,551
1939-40	2,726	500	214	79	10	3,529
1940-41	2,787	518	217	64	4	3,586
1941-42	2,702	504	206	86	7	3,505
1942-43	2,594	474	294	62	6	3,410
1943-44	2,501	452	280	34	3	3,270
1944-45	2,507	459	272	57	4	3,290
1945-46	2,521	456	273	33	3	3,286
1946-47	2,537	477	281	55	14	3,367
1947-48	2,456	489	287	55	22	3,309
1948-49	2,584	479	291	54	22	3,380
1949-50	2,577	492	268	50	15	3,447
1950-51	2,641	492	223	49	19	3,534
1951-52	2,632	505	220	50	19	3,532
1952-53	2,661	516	224	51	16	3,609
1953-54	2,632	487	237	48	20	3,724
1954-55	2,547	509	243	43	25	3,768
1955-56	2,602	505	249	41	26	3,723

BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

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County of Dublin	—	12.502 "
County of Wicklow	—	9.128 "

CERTIFICATE BY SECRETARY OR CLERK OF CORRECTNESS OF ABSTRACT.

I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the books and accounts of the Grangegorman District Mental Hospital.

Dated this day of 19

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Chief Clerk.

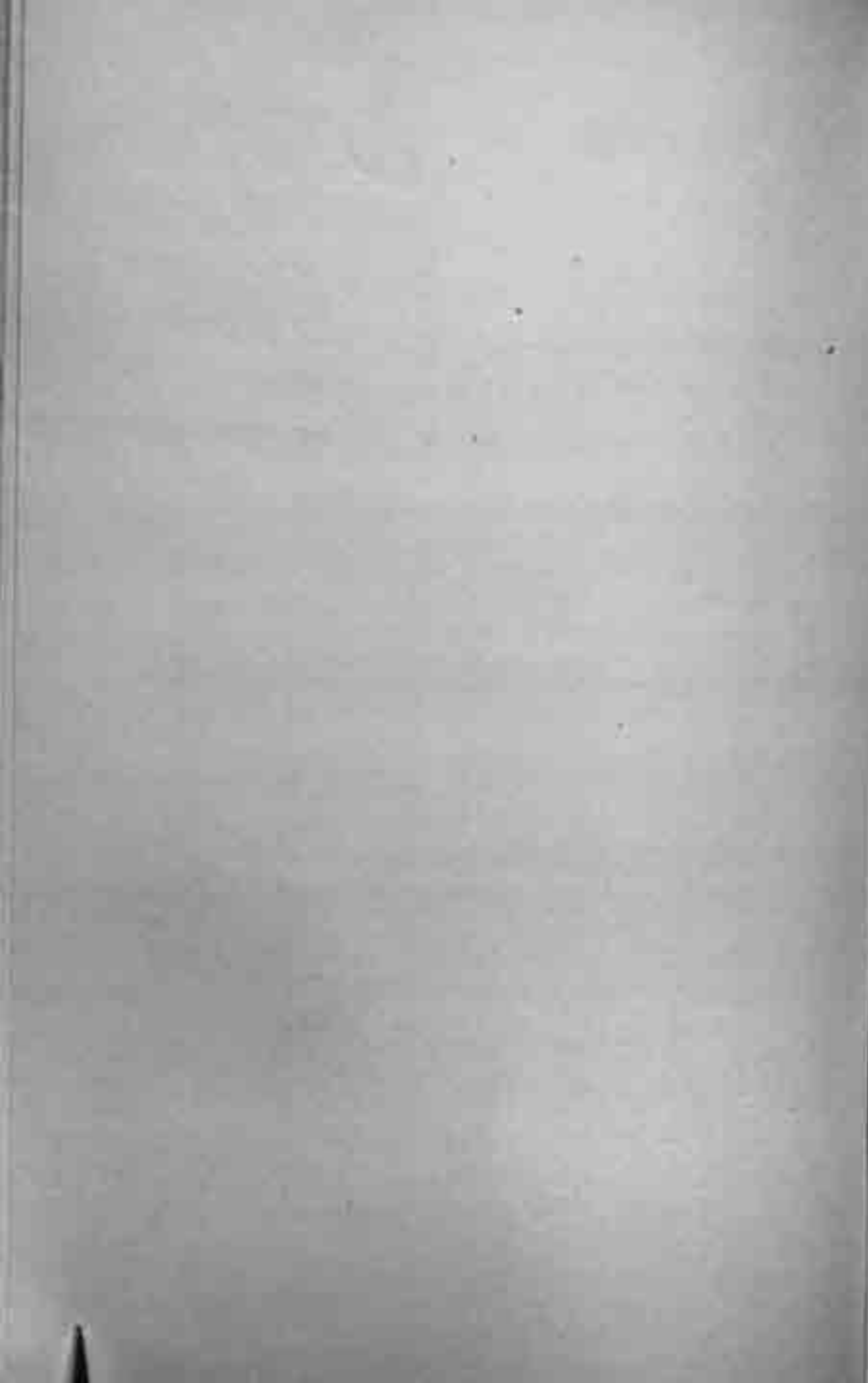
CERTIFICATE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR OF CORRECTNESS OF ABSTRACT.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I have audited the books and accounts of the Grangegorman District Mental Hospital for the year ended the day of 19 , and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true abstract therefrom.

Dated this day of 19

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Local Government Auditor.



Report No. 302

26th September, 1957.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****BUILDING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 26th day of September, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—Councillors Miss Mary Andrews, W. J. Colman, P.C., Miss M. C. Ennis, William Lawless, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Patrick McCarthy, Messrs. John Cahill, John Jones, Thomas P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

AGENDA.

To consider the Architect's plans for the erection of a new gateway at the entrance to the Male Side at Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

The Board's Architect submitted a number of different schemes, viz.:—

	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Scheme 1 Four new granite piers, new curved granite plinth walls and new wrought iron railings 	£2,200

		Estimated Cost
Scheme 2a	Two new granite piers, new curved rubble wing walls ...	£1,400
Scheme 2b	Santry piers re-erected, new curved rubble wing walls ...	£1,150
Scheme 3a	Two new granite piers in existing wall ...	£1,140
Scheme 3b	Santry piers re-erected in existing wall ...	£900

All of these schemes included for the removal of the iron gates at the main entrance to Santry Court, repairing and re-erecting them in the proposed new entrance at Grangegorman.

A sum of £800 had been provided in the Estimate and Demand for 1957/58 for the construction of a new entrance gateway at Grangegorman.

The various schemes were discussed and the following resolution, proposed by Councillor William Lawless seconded by Mr. John Smithers, was adopted unanimously:

"That tenders be invited for Schemes 2(a) (Estimated Cost £1,400) and 2(b) (Estimated Cost £1,150) and that the final decision as to which of these two schemes shall be undertaken be made when the tenders have been received and examined."

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 303.**26th September, 1957.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 26th day of September, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:— Councillors W. J. Colman, P.C., Bernard Conway, Joseph Dignam, P.C., Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Messrs. William Chase, Anthony Lalor, Thomas P. O'Reilly, and John Smithers.

*26th September, 1957.***REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL MANAGER,
PORTRANE.**

1. Since my last report of the 22nd ultimo, milk supplies have been well maintained with some surplus, with the exception of a few days from the 11th to the 22nd instant when slight shortages occurred. This was partly due to the severe change in the weather which occurred about this time. As surplus milk was being produced for some time past and cow numbers had increased considerably causing

over-stocking, some culling from the herd was deemed necessary. A number of animals were slaughtered and five freshly calved cows of rather low milk ancestry were sold at Messrs. Gavin Low's dairy sale. These cows made from 50 to 56 guineas.

The present daily average yield from 252 milking cows is 2.30 gallons. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily production compared with last month:

	<i>This month.</i>	<i>Last month.</i>
Over 5 gallons ...	3	1
4 to 5	9	17
3 to 4	44	54
2 to 3	90	90
1 to 2	77	69
Under 1 gallon ...	29	31
TOTAL ...	252	262

2. The following is a table of (a) purchases (b) sales of livestock during the month of August:

	<i>Total Cost.</i>	<i>Average per beast.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) 43 sheep ...	320 10 6	7 13 3

(b) Thirty calves were sold at the following prices:—
 1 at £8 10s. 0d.; 3 at £9 10s. 0d.; 3 at £10; 3 at
 £11 10s. 0d.; 1 at £12 10s. 0d.; 1 at £13 10s. 0d.; 1 at
 £14; 2 at £14 6s. 0d.; 1 at £15; 1 at £15 6s. 0d.; 2 at
 £16; 2 at £16 10s. 0d.; 4 at £17; 2 at £18 6s. 0d.; 1 at
 £18 10s. 0d. and 2 at £19. Total: £426 10s. 0d.

18 bonhams were sold at the following prices:— 16 at £7 2s. 6d. and 2 at £6 ; total £126 0s. 0d. 144 store pigs were transferred to Grangegorman at the following prices:— 24 at £6 ; 30 at £7 ; 36 at £8 ; 36 at £9 and 18 at £10. Total: £1,146. 2 fat sows were sold on the Dublin Market for £46 15s. 2d. nett. 20 fat pigs were transferred to Grangegorman at £15 5s. 0d. each ; total £305.

3. The position with regard to mastitis in the herd continues to be satisfactory. A few cases of clinical mastitis occurred on all farms ; all responded to the usual treatment. No further cases of Summer mastitis occurred in the dry cows or heifers.

4. *Grass*.— To date sufficient grass has been available for the stock on all the farms but supplies are now becoming scarce on Portrane and Ballymastone farms. The position is somewhat different at Turvey farm, where good supplies of after-grass are available from the hay and silage. 12 tons of Sulphate of Ammonia have recently been purchased and applied to grass on Portrane, Turvey and Ballymastone farms, and it is hoped this will improve the late Autumn grass.

5. To date, 22 acres of potatoes have been dug. The digging of the first and second earlies has now been completed and 5½ acres of the main crop — Kerr's Pink have been dug. The yields continue to be satisfactory. All the crop has been sprayed four times and, as a result, has continued to grow out well without any serious strike of blight. It is now intended to burn the crop with Sodium Chlorate to hasten early lifting and also, to prevent the spread of blight.

The filling of the silo pit at Turvey was completed and sealed off. A good quantity of hay has been saved and the bulk of the crop has now been stored in the barns. It is hoped that the quantity of hay now saved will be sufficient to meet the needs of the livestock over the coming Winter and it will not be necessary to purchase any supplies. All available grass was made into hay and no grass was available for storing at the silo pit at Ballymastone, but as the pits at Portrane and Turvey are well filled there should be sufficient supplies of silage available for our requirements.

The harvesting of the corn crops continues. The cutting of 35 acres of barley and 9 acres of Winter Wheat has been completed, while 44 acres of Spring Wheat have been harvested, leaving 46 acres of Spring Wheat still to be cut. The barley crop yielded well, giving approximately 19 barrels per statute acre. The bulk of this crop was dried and stored for feeding on the farm. The Winter Wheat yielded approximately 15 barrels per statute acre and to date the Spring Wheat is threshing rather disappointingly and it would appear that the yield will be down considerably on last year's figures. The uncut portion of the wheat crop is standing well and no damage has occurred to the crop so far.

6. *Santry Court.*— Grass on this farm continues to make satisfactory growth and, with the after-grass from the hay crop, good supplies will be available for some time to come. About 30 acres of grasslands have recently been manured with Sulphate of Ammonia with a view to producing some late Autumn grass. The hay barn on this farm has been filled with hay and approximately 25 tons of hay have been drawn to Portrane for storage. 45 acres were cut for hay and a second crop was taken from 14 acres of this. A Hereford bull is at present running with the heifers

until the young friesian bull, recently purchased is old enough to be transferred to this farm.

The present stock at Santry Court comprises, 1 horse, 72 calves, 77 yearling heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager

Order—Noted.

26th September, 1957.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

1. Vegetable Fields.—Work carried out in these fields during the past month consisted of grubbing and earthing 8 acres savoy cabbage, 3 acres broccoli, 3 acres Autumn cabbage and 1 acre carrots, sowing $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Autumn onions, planting 4 acres spring cabbage.

The Spring onion crop has all been pulled and at the moment we are carting it to the gardens for drying off and storing.

Tillage.—14 acres were tilled during the past month and I am at the moment preparing more ground for spring cabbage.

Root Crops.—(9 acres), parsnips, swede turnips and carrot crops are satisfactory.

2. Kitchen Gardens and Recreation Grounds.—The taking of cuttings for next summer's flower beds has been completed. The number of cuttings inserted is 4,000. I hope to commence lifting and replanting flower beds for Spring and early Summer bloom in about ten days time.

The apple crop is very light this year; in fact, I estimate it to be the lightest crop for the past 20 years.

Small sowings of lettuces, parsley and turnips were made during the month. All recreation grounds are in good order.

GRANGEGORMAN.

3. Four acres of vegetable crops were grubbed and earthed during the past month. The onion crop has been lifted and laid out in warm aspects for drying before storage. The taking of geranium cuttings is in progress at the moment. All flower beds and recreation grounds are in reasonably good order.

SANTRY GARDENS.

4. Work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of weeding, tying in wall fruit, picking apples and general care of tomato houses and gardens.

ANDREW WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.**Order—Noted.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDENS.

31st August, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane on Friday 31st August. Mr. Vaughan, Acting Farm Manager, kindly met us with his car at Donabate and took us to Turvey. As the day was exceptionally fine we were able to see the place at its best. The hay shed was being filled with a first class quality hay and a very fine lot of barley in sacks was ample evidence of a good crop well harvested.

2. The building of the new potato store was proceeding and we discussed the plans with Mr. Chalmers. The provision of an air duct through the building was suggested and we would recommend that the possibilities of such should be fully investigated immediately.

3. The pastures contained a fine lot of cows indicating that good progress is being made in building up a good class herd of milkers.

4. The potato crops were looking well and if weather conditions continue fair, a bumper crop can be anticipated.

The harvesting of the barley was proceeding and, with exception of a bad patch in the centre of about one acre, looks very promising.

The wheat crop appears to be ripening well and promises a splendid crop.

5. On proceeding to Ballymastone we inspected a very good lot of winter wheat well harvested. The Bull purchased from Crooksling is looking very well and we believe is producing first class stock. The young calves we saw were excellent.

6. At Portrane we inspected another lot of well harvested barley and a shed of very high quality hay. All harvesting appears well advanced.

7. After lunch we visited the gardens where Mr. Wolohan showed us over the place. We noticed a section of the outer wall of the garden had collapsed owing to the recent storm and, of course, old age.

There appears to be a very bountiful crop of tomatoes of good quality. The apples and pears are also of good quality, although not as bountiful as last year.

The flower display is really beautiful especially in the greenhouses — the work being done there is really very creditable to all concerned. Good crops of onions, celery and other vegetables were also to be seen.

9. The grounds around the new division are looking very well, reflecting the care and attention given by the Head

Gardener; also the flower display in front of the main building is beautiful.

10. The need for suitable machinery for garden work is now becoming urgent due to shortage of suitable help and extension of grounds. The purchase of an Allen mower and cultivator should be recommended as it appears to be an excellent all round machine for such work.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Wolohan for their courtesy and help.

WILLIAM LAWLESS.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

A. LALOR.

GILBERT HUGHES.

Order—Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 24th October, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons, (Chairman).

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

Mr. William Chase.

E. M. MURRAY.

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS.

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE.

Chief R.M.S.

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

Report No. 304.

17th October, 1957.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 17th day of October, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives—Alderman Thomas Byrne, T.D., Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, Robert Ellis, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, W. J. Colman, P.C., Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keeffe, Thomas Stafford, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, W. Chase, Anthony Lalor, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P. C., Miss Mary B. Andrews, J. Dignam, P.C. and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives—Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

An apology was received from Councillor James Carroll, Lord Mayor, for his inability to attend.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 300, of 19th September, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 30th September, 1957, was submitted as follows:

	Males Females Total		
On Hospital Register at 31st August,			
August, 1957	1769	2067	3836
Admitted during month	59	66	125
	1828	2133	3961
	M.	F.	T.
Discharged during month	53	58	111
Died do.	5	9	14
Escaped do.	3	—	3
	61	67	128
Remaining on Hospital Register	1767	2066	3823
Absent on trial and escape	33	39	72
Remaining in residence	1734	2027	3761
DISTRIBUTION.			
In Grangegorman	776	1215	2091
In Portrane	958	812	1770
Total number resident as above	1734	2027	3761

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	2,845
County Dublin	521
County Wicklow	335
Criminal Lunatics	42
Non-district patients	18
TOTAL	3,761

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 302 of the meeting of the Building Committee held on the 26th September, 1957.

Arising out of Paragraph 11 of the Manager's report of the 11th October, 1957, Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded: "That the Architect's Scheme 2b for the erection of a new gateway at an estimated cost of £1,150 be approved; that the work be carried out by direct labour and that the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £350 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957/58 for this scheme". *Passed unanimously.*

Report No. 302, as amended by the foregoing resolution, was unanimously adopted.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 303 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 26th September, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

23rd September, 1957.

1. Accompanied by Dr. W. O'Brien, we visited No. 22 Hospital and going through the dormitories we noticed considerable overcrowding. While this cannot be avoided owing to circumstances beyond the Board's control, we feel that something must and should be done to avoid such conditions.

2. In No. 22a division the wards were being re-decorated. This work causes a good deal of inconvenience because it is necessary to remove the patients when it is in progress. We discussed the matter with the Clerk of Works and we are satisfied that this inconvenience is unavoidable. The re-decoration is being carried out according to programme and it will be completed at an early date.

3. When proceeding to the Male Dining Hall, we visited the Pharmacy. We understand that the Assistant there will be leaving shortly to take up other duties and an application was made for a trainee to take his place. We expect the matter has been considered and, if not, it should be attended to.

4. On entering the main Dining Hall we found approximately 200 patients seated at lunch. There was a plentiful supply and a number of patients we spoke to were high in praise of the attention they were receiving. The service was all that could be desired. On our way to lunch, we passed through the new units and saw lunch being served there. We were impressed with the layout and the speed with which the service was handled. The patients were very orderly and cleanliness was all that could be desired.

5. After lunch we visited the New Female Visiting Hall and although completed and looking very nice, there

is a slight hold up on account of the furnishing. We were assured that delivery was expected at any moment and it is hoped to have it completed within the next fortnight.

Thanks are due to Dr. O'Brien for his help during our visit.

E. TIMMONS,
W. J. COLMAN,
J. CAHILL,
W. CHASE.

Order: *Noted.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

2nd October, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane on Wednesday, October 2nd, and wish to make the following recommendations:—

- (a) The provision of reclining chairs in No. 5 Female Division, in substitution for the existing seating accommodation, which we understand is not comfortable for the type of patients in this division who have to spend the greater part of the day here.
- (b) The need for re-decoration of this division.
- (c) The appointment of another Occupational Therapist to assist Mr. Buckley in the Workshops to cope with an increasing number of patients being sent for instruction.

2. Apart from visiting the above we went to No. 7 Female Hospital, where we found everything satisfactory. The patients here seemed comfortable and well cared for.

We also visited the Laundry and No. 8 Division (one of the New Units). We did not receive any complaints in the course of our visit.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird and the other members of the staff whom we contacted in the course of our inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS,
KATHLEEN NIX,
MARY LEDWIDGE.

Order. Referred to Manager.

An apology was received from Mrs. Mulvey for her inability to attend at this Inspection.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 21st November, 1957, date of next monthly meeting of the Board.

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Denis Delaney.

" Robert Ellis.

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

" Senator J. J. O'Keeffe.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Mr. Roland Roufston.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

11th October, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 30th ultimo, 3,761 patients, viz. —

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	776	1,215	1,991
In Portrane	944	826	1,770
TOTAL ...	1,720	2,041	3,761

as compared with: —

30th September, 1956 ...	1,728	2,066	3,794
30th September, 1955 ...	1,733	2,071	3,804
30th September, 1954 ...	1,740	2,047	3,787
30th September, 1953 ...	1,709	2,053	3,762

this year's numbers being 33 less than on the corresponding date last year and 1 less than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. During the month of September, 1957, there were 59 male and 65 female patients admitted, total 124. 121 of these were chargeable patients, of whom 61 were temporary, 44 were voluntary and 16 were Persons of Un-sound Mind. Two Private Voluntary patients and 1 Private Temporary patient were admitted also.

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief B.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Male patient J. D. (11982) a temporary patient, escaped from the grounds at Grangegorman on the 18th September. He has not since been located.

Male patient P. B. (11951) a temporary patient, escaped from the Visiting Hall on the 22nd September. He was found the same evening at St. James' Church and brought back to the hospital.

Male patient J. M. (12149), a voluntary patient, did not return off pass on the 16th September.

Female patient E. McC. (12215), escaped from No. 23A Division on the 27th September. She was subsequently found at her home and brought back to the hospital the same day.

Female patient E. C. (9197) was found to be missing at 1.15 p.m. on the 30th September when out on the grounds at recreation. She was later located in the garden of a house on the Estate at 12 midnight and brought back to her division.

Female patient D. D. (11457) escaped on the 19th September. She was taken into custody by the Gardaí on the 21st September and brought back to the hospital.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health. In regard to the last-mentioned escape, it appears that the patient escaped through a gate near the new Female Visiting Hall, which is in course of construction. The Chief R.M.S. points out that building operations in a mental hospital with the constant coming and going of workmen, tends to render the observation of patients more difficult. He has given instructions that gates leading out of the grounds are to be kept either closed or guarded.

5. On the 26th September, male patient J. L. (10883), who had full liberty of the grounds at Portrane, failed to

attend at lunch in No. 9 Division. The grounds were searched without result and the Gardai notified but the patient has not yet been located.

On the 28th September, male patient M. McD. (40487) failed to return at bedtime to No. 2 Division in Portrane. At approximately 9.15 p.m. a telephone call was received that the patient was in Rush. He was brought back to the hospital.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the nursing staff in connection with these escapes, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.* — Male patient P. O'B. (12285) on admission on the 26th September complained of a pain in his side and an X-ray examination showed a fracture of the 10th rib.

On the 12th September, female patient M. S. (12217) was admitted suffering from fractures of both wrists and the left condyle of mandible sustained in a City Hospital prior to her admission.

On the 19th September, female patient A. C. (7749) slipped and fell sustaining an injury to her right wrist. She was attended immediately by a medical officer and an X-ray showed a fracture of the wrist.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. *Accidents to Patients, Portrane.* — On the 24th September, male patient P. O. (38057) was noticed by his Charge Nurse to be carrying his right arm stiffly. On being questioned he stated he had accidentally slipped on the

dayroom floor. A radiological examination showed that the patient had a fracture between the middle and lower third of the right ulna.

On the 28th September, female patient M. R. (32508) when coming from the general dining hall in No. 2 Division slipped and fell. She sustained a fracture of the neck of right femur.

The Portrane Medical Superintendent assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.*—Nurse T. C. was off duty from the 5th to 18th August with an injury to his nose caused by a blow from a patient.

P. B., labourer, fractured his right wrist while working in the Carpenter's Shop on the 18th September.

A number of other accidents to members of the Grangegorman staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Male Nurse J. M. was off duty from the 8th to the 14th September with an injury to his left foot sustained while playing hurling for the hospital team.

J. G., labourer, has been off duty since 12th September with an injury to his left shoulder.

J. N., Waterworks Attendant, has been off duty since the 13th September with an injury to his knee received while playing cricket for the hospital team the previous month.

P. C., Waterworks Attendant, has been incapacitated with an injury to his shin stated to have been caused while off duty.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane Staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

10. An outbreak of fire occurred in a room in the Female Nurses' Home, Portrane, on the 23rd September. At about 11 p.m. the fire was observed by a nurse who was passing the Nurses' Home and it was extinguished by the Sister Tutor with buckets of water. It is estimated that the cost of repairing the room will amount to £40 and a claim for that sum has been submitted to the Board's Insurers.

It would appear that the fire was caused by a candle being left unprotected on a dressing-table by the nurse who occupied the room. The use of a candle was necessary because of a breakdown in the electric lighting supply. It was most careless on the part of the nurse to leave the room with the candle lighting and the Portrane Medical Superintendent has been instructed to interview her and to warn her to exercise greater care in future.

11. The Building Committee in Report No. 302 recommended that tenders be invited for two alternative schemes for the erection of a new gateway at the entrance to the Male Side at Grangegorman, which are estimated to cost £1,400 and £1,150. I am submitting a report received from the Board's Architect since the date of the meeting of the Building Committee in which he recommends that the cheaper of the two schemes be adopted and that it be carried out by direct labour.

12. In Paragraph 18 of my report to the last meeting of the Board, I mentioned that the effect of the amendment of Section 231A (iii) of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, was to increase from 6/- to 10/- a day the maximum charge which might be made for the maintenance and treatment of patients in the middle income group and a question was asked as to the number of patients involved. The Registrar reports that on the 1st September, 1957, there were 50 patients in respect of whom the maximum charge of 6/-

a day was being made. These cases will be the subject of individual examination with a view to determining what increase, if any, in the charge should be made, within the new maximum of 10/- a day.

13. At the last meeting of the Board a question was asked as to the reason for the increase in the figures for Salaries and Wages which appeared in the Abstracts of Accounts for the financial years ending 31st March, 1955, and 31st March, 1956. As mentioned in the Auditor's report, it is not possible to make a direct comparison of these figures because of a change in the method of recording the remuneration of the nursing staff, which forms a very substantial part of the total expenditure under this head. During 1954/55 the nursing staff were remunerated by way of a cash salary plus emoluments in kind or partly in cash and partly in kind. From 1st April, 1955, the nursing staff have been paid inclusive salaries with deductions for goods and services supplied. In order to compare the figures for 'Salaries and Wages' in the two years, it is necessary to deduct from the figure for the second year that part of nurses' remuneration which, in previous years, would have represented emoluments, viz.:—

Gross expenditure on Salaries and Wages, 1955/56	...	£410,640
Deduct :	£	
Value of Rations	44,422	
Value of Clothing	8,086	
Value of Light	612	
Value of Laundry and Apartments (or House)	26,661	
		£79,781
		<hr/> £330,859

For purposes of comparison, therefore, the expenditure on salaries and wages proper must be taken as:—

1954/55 ...	£279,185
1955/56 ...	£330,859
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A net increase of ...	£51,674

This additional expenditure was authorised by the Board as follows:—

In official Estimate and Demand for 1955/56—	£
to meet increased cost of inclusive scales for nurses and of additional nursing staff ...	30,750
21st July, 1955—Increased pay for building workers ...	808
12th Jan., 1956—Additional nursing staff ...	2,800
12th Jan., 1956—Increased temporary Bonus	17,500
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TOTAL ...	51,858

14. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have approved of the purchase from the Dublin Corporation of approximately 400 tons of slack lying in St. Mary's Chest Hospital, Phoenix Park. The price agreed with the Dublin Corporation for this fuel is £4 10s. a ton and I have made a contract with Messrs. M. Doherty & Co., Ltd. for hauling the slack to Grangegorman at a cost of 5/- a ton.

On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works also, I have authorised the purchase of 50 tons of large graded coke from the Dublin Gas Company at £8 17s. 6d. per ton delivered.

15. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Portrane, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Thomas

Heiton and Co., Ltd., for 300 tons of Welsh Steam Coal at £8 14s. 6d. (subject to satisfactory test), this being the lowest of eight tenders received for Welsh Steam Coal.

I have also accepted the tender of Messrs. M. Doherty & Co. for the supply of turf briquettes for Grangegorman at 90/- per ton and for Portrane at 92/6 per ton, being the lowest of four tenders received.

16. The Chief Engineer has recommended the installation at the Boiler-house, Portrane, of three high level bunkers and a cleated belt conveyor to enable crushed machine turf to be used in the steam boilers. He reports that the cost of this scheme would be approximately £1,500 and he estimates that the use of approximately 4,000 tons of crushed machine turf annually would result in a saving of £2,420 in the annual fuel cost. I have approved of his recommendation in principle, subject to the sanction of the Minister, which has been requested.

17. Further to Paragraph 22 of my report to the last meeting of the Board (which dealt with a number of matters raised by the Visiting Committees to Portrane), I inspected the General Kitchen at Portrane on the 3rd October. It does not appear feasible to transfer the fish fryer to a central position in the Kitchen. I agree that it is difficult to find an entirely suitable position for the fryer, but having discussed the matter with the Portrane Medical Superintendent, the Chief Engineer and the Housekeeper, I am satisfied that the most practicable solution of the problem is to provide a small screen beside it to reduce draughts from the entrance doors. I have instructed the Chief Engineer to provide this screen and also to fit spring latches to the entrance doors instead of the automatic door closers which he had suggested.

I inspected also the Breadroom and I instructed the Chief Engineer to include for the replacement of the bread trays and the laying of a suitable new floor or floor covering, in the draft list of special works for completion in connection with the Estimates for next year.

18. The following are particulars of tenders for sundry groceries which I have accepted in respect of the six months' period ending 31st March, 1958:—

G. MADDEN.

Pork Sausages	...	@	2/-	per lb. d/d Grangegorman
		@	2/2	per lb. d/d Portrane

McGRATH BROS. LTD.

Granulated Sugar	...	@	£3 3	8 per cwt.
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ALEX. FINDLATER & Co., LTD.

Raisins, sultanas	...	@	£6 19	0 per cwt.
Bread Soda	...	@	17	9 per cwt.
Salt, fine	...	@	£10 0	0 per ton (Portrane only)
Mustard	...	@	£1 10	9 per 9 lb. tin.
Pepper, white ground	...	@	3	3 per lb.
Spice, mixed	...	@	2	4 per lb.
Baking powder	...	@	2 7½	per lb. (in doz. lots)
Mustard powder	...	@	£3 16	6 per cwt.
Vinegar, malt	...	@	4	2 per gal.

CASTON BROS. LTD.

Currants	...	@	£5 11	0 per cwt. d/d Grangegorman
		@	£5 12	0 per cwt. d/d Portrane
Cornflour	...	@	£2 7	0 per cwt. d/d Grangegorman
		@	£2 8	0 per cwt. d/d Portrane
Raisins, seedless	...	@	£8 3	0 per cwt. d/d Grangegorman
		@	£8 9	0 per cwt. d/d Portrane
Green Peas	...	@	£4 0	0 per cwt. d/d Grangegorman
		@	£4 2	0 per cwt. d/d Portrane

G. MADDEN.

Rice	...	@	£3 0	0 per cwt. d/d Grangegorman
		@	£3 1	0 per cwt. d/d Portrane

IRISH DIRECT TRADING CO.

Soda Water, ginger	}	@	6/0	per doz. large
ale, ginger beer		@	3/9	" " medium
lemonade		@	3/0	" " small
		@	16/0	" " syphons
Lime juice cordial		@	£1 2	0 per doz. 25-oz. bottles

D. MURPHY, LTD.

Browning (Goodall's) @ £1 10 6 per doz. d/d Grangegorman
25-oz. bottles ... @ £1 12 0 per doz. d/d Portrane

P. J. NEA & SON.

Biscuits (Jacob's) ... @ retail list price less 15%, less 10%

HARTLEY-GOODALL LTD.

Salt, fine ... @ £10 per ton, less 2½% discount for
payment within 30 days, d/d
Grangegorman.

19. At the request of the Balrothery Board of Assistance, I have agreed to give a supply of crude water from the main supplying Portrane, to the new dispensary at Donabate, subject to the usual conditions and to the payment by the Balrothery Board of Assistance for water supplied at the rate of 1/- per 1,000 gallons.

E. O'CAOIMH,

Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

17th October, 1957.

20. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have authorised the purchase from Messrs. T. Lenehan & Co., Ltd. of a Wallace potato digger for the sum of £186 less 7½ per cent., being the lower of two tenders received.

21. In connection with the question raised at recent meetings of the Board about additional medical staff at Portrane, I have received a recommendation from the Portrane Medical Superintendent that two additional permanent Assistant Medical Officers be appointed, one of whom would be of senior status. I have discussed this pro-

posal with the Chief R.M.S. and he has suggested that, pending completion of arrangements for the transfer of a number of old patients to Crooksling Sanatorium, it would not be desirable at the moment to make any change in the permanent establishment. I agree with this view and for the present I have approved of the continued employment of a temporary additional House Physician at Portrane.

With regard to the question of clerical assistance for the Portrane Medical Superintendent, Dr. Aird informs me that while the appointment of a Clerk/Typist would be of assistance to him, there is not sufficient work in his office to justify it.

E. O'CAOIMH,

Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Par. 10.—Report to be submitted as to the cause of the delay in restoring the electric lighting in the Nurses' Home.

Par. 16.—Proposed by Councillor Denis Delaney, seconded by Councillor Robert Ellis: "That the question of extending the use of native fuel in Grangegorman be examined and a report submitted to the Board". *Passed unanimously.*

Par. 20.—Referred to Agricultural Committee for enquiry as to the need for a new potato digger.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 305.**24th October, 1957.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of October, 1957. Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—Councillors W. J. Colman, B. Conway, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. W. Chase, A. Lalor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.*24th October, 1957.*

1. *Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report of the 26th ultimo, milk supplies have been well maintained and it was possible to give full supplies to both Hospitals except for a few short periods and even then the shortage was very slight. At the moment there are occasional slight surpluses which are being used at Portrane. As cow numbers are still running high culling is continuing at a moderate rate. Aged and uneconomic cows are being slaughtered at the rate of 2 to 3 per week. No further sales of freshly calved animals were made.

The present daily average per cow from 250 animals milking is 2.30 gallons.

The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with last month:—

	Present Month	Last Month
Over 7 gallons	1*	Nil
6 to 7 gallons	Nil	Nil
5 to 6 gallons	5	3
4 to 5 gallons	24	9
3 to 4 gallons	42	44
2 to 3 gallons	75	90
1 to 2 gallons	74	77
Under 1 gallon	29	29
	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 252

* This cow is giving almost $7\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of milk daily. She is a homebred friesland on her fourth lactation.

2. *Purchases and Sales of Livestock.*—The following is a summary of (a) purchases and (b) sales of livestock during the month of September:—

(a) Fifty-nine sheep for £495 15s.; 2 horses for £125; 1 boar for £32.

(b) Thirty-one calves were sold for £478 17s. The prices received were as follows:—1 for £10; 2 at £10 15s.; 1 for £11 10s.; 1 for £12; 7 at £14; 1 for £14 10s.; 1 for £14 15s.; 2 at £15; 1 for £15 18s.; 2 at £16; 1 for £17; 7 at £18; 1 for £18 14s. and 3 at £19.

Five milch cows were sold at Messrs. Gavin Low's sales. They realised £263 15s. after the deduction of entry fees and tolls. (This transaction was dealt with in Paragraph 1 of my last report.)

One hundred and twenty-four bonhams were sold at the following prices:—48 at £6; 36 at £6 10s.; 2 at £6 15s. and 43 at £7; total £806 10s.

Twenty fat pigs were sold on the Dublin Market for £292 1s. 8d. nett. Twenty fat pigs were transferred to Grangegorman for immediate slaughter and 10 were sent direct to a factory for slaughtering and curing. These were priced at £15 10s. each, or a total figure of £465.

3. *Grass*.—With the late manuring, which had a very stimulating effect on pastures, the supply of grass will last until the end of the current month at least. It is estimated that the milch cows are getting sufficient feed from the pastures for maintenance and the production of one gallon of milk. Concentrates are being fed where yields exceed one gallon which means that almost 90% of the milking herd are now on meals.

Housing at night has commenced but so far only fresh cows as they calve down are put in. This method ensures that the change will be gradual and that the impact on milk production which follows the housing of a large number at one time will be partially averted.

4. *Crops*.—Digging of the main potato crop for storage commenced on the 11th instant. The crop is digging very well. To date, approximately 44 acres have been dug, the balance being approximately 51 acres, which it is hoped will be out earlier than previously, provided the weather remains favourable.

All but 12 acres of the main crop were sprayed with a sodium chlorate solution to hasten maturity and to retard weed growth.

A new shaker type digger with a side-delivery has been purchased. The old spinner diggers would hardly last the season.

As reported last month the nine acres of winter wheat averaged 15 barrels to the statute acre which was a fair enough return but the Spring varieties disappointed badly, averaging only 10.9 barrels per statute acre. The average per acre for the whole crop (99 statute acres) was 11.27 barrels as compared with 14.92 barrels last year from an area of 109 acres. All the grain was taken at the mills and though there were isolated cases of spouting none was returned as being unsuitable for milling.

The average ex-farm price per barrel, sack and cartage allowances excluded, worked out at just over 71s. 6d., or 6s. below the top price for wheat sold at this time of the year. Last year the ex-farm price was 64s. and the top was 71s. 6d.

Eleven acres of vegetable ground at Portrane are being prepared for the sowing of winter wheat and as well, it is hoped to get in about 12 acres at Santry Court.

All the hay crop was stored by the 11th instant. About 18 acres of late hay was made, 8 at Portrane and 10 at Turvey. Though the total quantity saved is not as great as last year, supplies may be sufficient depending on the weather over the winter.

5. *Santry Court Farm*.—There are good supplies of grass on this farm and the late application of manures has given good results here also.

The hereford bull is still running with a bunch of young heifers. Though the young friesian bull was delivered on the 10th instant he will be kept at Portrane for further handling.

Twenty-four of the weaker calves which appeared to be suffering badly from hoose were taken to Turvey on the 2nd instant where they were housed with other calves and kept in night and day and put on a feed of silage as well as an allowance of hay and meals.

At the moment they are 34 calves housed at Santry by night. They are getting an allowance of meals and a little hay.

The present stock on this farm consists of 48 calves, 70 yearlings, 1 bull and 1 horse.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Orders made thereon :

Paragraphs 1 to 4: Noted.

Paragraph 5: Agricultural Manager to report further on the proposal to clear part of the woodlands at Santry Court.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND GARDENS.

3rd October, 1957.

1. On Wednesday, October 3rd, we carried out an inspection of the Board's Farms and Gardens at Portrane. Accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, we first went to Turvey. We were pleased to observe that the erection of the new potato store was well advanced and that it will be in use to accommodate the main potato crop this year. It should prove a valuable asset to the farm.

2. With the improvement in the weather, harvesting operations were nearly completed, only a small acreage of wheat remaining to be cut. We were glad to learn that, notwithstanding the indifferent weather experienced in the early part of the year, yields of crops are reasonably good. The hay crop was exceptional this year and we were pleased to learn that hay for stock would be sufficient for the forthcoming winter.

3. Work was in progress with the digging of the potato crop; some 67 acres remaining to be harvested and the crop, so far, promises well.

4. At Ballymastone we saw some young calves and all were in excellent condition. At the Farmyard we visited the piggeries and stock appeared to be in good condition. We would like to support the recommendation made by the Agricultural Manager for the structural alterations to the old cow shed now used for housing pigs. The improvement suggested would greatly facilitate the staff tending the animals.

5. We went to the Gardens and with Mr. Wolohan saw work in progress with the storing of the onion crop and the planting of spring cabbage. Work was also in progress in the grounds where wallflowers were being planted for Spring.

6. We would like to commend Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan and the staff on the general conditions of the farms and gardens which looked so well.

EUGENE TIMMONS

THOMAS O'REILLY

JOHN SMITHERS

WILLIAM CHASE

Order. Noted. Agricultural Manager to include the alterations to the old cow-shed in the draft list of works for the 1958/59 Estimates.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 28th November, 1957, date of next meeting of the Committee.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman),

" W. J. Colman,

" B. Conway,

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 306.

21st November, 1957.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital

Board.

BOARD MEETING

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of October, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

Dublin Corporation Representatives.—Councillors Patrick J. Bermingham, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, Bernard Conway, Denis Delaney, G. Hughes, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, T. Stafford, P.C., Messrs. J. Cahill, W. Chase, A. Lalor, R. Roulston, L. Gaynor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives.—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, Miss Mary B. Andrews, H. P. Dockrell, J. Dignam and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

Co. Wicklow Representatives.—Councillors Edward Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 304 of the 17th October, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

CONDOLENCE

It was proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Nix:—"That we learn with great regret of the death of Senator Sean Moylan, Minister for Agriculture, and we tender to his wife and family our deepest sympathy with them in the loss which they have sustained". The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st October, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

		Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 30th				
September, 1957	...	1,767	2,066	3,833
Admitted during month	...	84	62	146
		1,851	2,128	3,979
		Males	Females	Total
Discharged during				
month	...	61	58	119
Died do. do.		7	7	14
Escaped do.		3	—	3
		71	65	136
Remaining on Hospital Register	...	1,780	2,063	3,843
Absent on trial and escape	...	29	37	66
Remaining in residence	...	1,751	2,026	3,777

DISTRIBUTION

In Grangegorman	...	...	792	1,159	1,951
In Portrane	...	...	959	867	1,826
Total number resident as above	...	...	1,751	2,026	3,777

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2,864
County Dublin	...	...	518
County Wicklow	...	...	332
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	43
Non-district patients	...	...	20
Total	...	...	3,777

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 305 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 24th October, 1957.
Passed unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mrs. Nix, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, Councillor Edward Byrne was unanimously appointed to the vacancy on the Agricultural Committee arising from the resignation of Councillor William Lawless.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

7th November, 1957.

1. We visited Grangegorman on Thursday, November 7th, and wish to make the following recommendations:—

- (a) That steps be taken to remove the clock tower over No. 25 Female Division which is in a dangerous condition and is supported by scaffolding; and the carrying out of any repairs necessary to make the building safe.
- (b) That a report be obtained from the Clerk of Works concerning the condition of the workshops which are in a bad state of repair, and an estimate of cost for the carrying out of the repairs. The roofs on these buildings are leaking and are quite unsuitable for members of the staff and patients who work in them.
- (c) The re-surfacing of the space leading to No. 7 and No. 9 dayrooms adjacent to the kitchen yard which is in a very bad condition.
- (d) That consideration be given to the removal of No. 7 and 9 dayrooms which are old, in their present condition most depressing, and certainly not conducive to the rehabilitation of patients.

2. We urge the Board to undertake a survey of all old buildings, and to plan a programme for their ultimate demolition and their substitution by modern units. Such a programme would help to relieve the serious overcrowding and keep the Institution abreast of modern developments. We believe that it is more economical and practical to erect new buildings than to maintain old ones.

3. We visited Nos. 1 and 3 dormitories where 192 patients are accommodated. Adjacent to these dormitories are staff rooms and the situation seems to us to be that members of the staff who occupy these rooms are in effect always on duty. This, we consider most unsatisfactory, and we suggest that steps be taken to provide proper accommodation for the male members of the staff.

4. We saw the finishing touches being put to the new Female Visiting Hall and wish to congratulate all concerned with its construction. It is one of the finest examples of a modern hall we have seen in this city.

We wish to thank Mr. Judge, Clerk of Works, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Vero, who were with us in the course of our inspection.

Councillor R. Ellis was unable to accompany us as he was ill with influenza.

EUGENE TIMMONS,
MARY C. ENNIS,
DENIS DELANEY.

Order : See Manager's report of this date.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

25th October, 1957.

1. On assembling at Portrane on Friday, October 25th, we were met by Dr. Aird and it was decided to inspect sections under the care of Mr. Chalmers.

On leaving the entrance to main hall we noticed a very untidy approach, the pillars of main archway were badly discoloured and chipped on the lower portions. We commented

about this and were told that some of the staff bring in their cycles. The damage was caused by pedals. Already plates had been fitted to the bottom of the wooden doors. We suggest that this practice be discontinued and cycle racks be erected in the car park.

2. We then proceeded to the boiler house and when crossing the road it was noticed that a section of steam piping ran down the side of a building. Quite a large section of the lagging was torn off. We were told that possibly some of the patients had done this. Owing to the loss of heat from these pipes being exposed to the weather it was thought that a wood or sheet metal cover should be fitted to protect same.

3. Mr. Chalmers then accompanied us to the boiler house where we saw the boilers being stoked up with turf briquettes. We were told that there is a considerable saving from using this fuel and possibly a larger saving by using crushed machine won turf. We inspected the plan of a suggested elevator and hopper for this purpose and found the idea excellent and compliment Mr. Chalmers on his suggested lay out. The boilers were not giving the most economic steam pressure due to old age, and we were told that new boilers would pay for themselves in about two years in fuel saving alone. The low pressure of steam was necessary, due to old age and thinness of the worn out boiler plates; consequently more steam of low pressure for a longer period of time was required to boil potatoes or for laundering, etc.

4. The next place we visited was the power house, where the old plant was being dismantled. We were shown the new control panel. In the centre was a blank space. We asked what this was for and were told that this was for the emergency

lighting controls. We were surprised to learn that this plant was not yet installed; also that the main E.S.B. supply had failed on two occasions, once for three-quarters of an hour and again for twenty minutes. On one of these failures we were told a patient had jumped out of a window, so we would ask the Manager to rectify this at the earliest moment. The next visit was to Mr. Chalmers' office where we saw a very old typewriter, which, on inspecting was found to be almost unworkable. This should be replaced by a more modern machine.

5. Mr. Chalmers then took us to the fire station. The equipment was in good order and position for quick take off when necessary. The only thing we thought should be added was an asbestos suit for use in case of oil or petrol explosion.

6. The Occupational Therapy Department was then visited. We saw the work of the rug makers, mattress repairers, patients repainting iron bedsteads, and some very good inlaid wood work in the form of pictures of scenery. The quality of all work was very good indeed. The patients working in this department expressed appreciation of the monthly allowance of ten shillings recently granted them.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird and Mr. Chalmers for their kind co-operation in the course of our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS,
JAMES J. O'KEEFFE.
THOMAS O'REILLY.
R. T. ROULSTON.

Order: Referred to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 19th December, 1957, date of next meeting of the Board:—

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ G. Hughes.

Mr. L. Gaynor.

Mr. A. Lalor.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ Miss M. Andrews.

„ P. Bermingham.

Mr. John Smithers.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

15th November, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's Hospitals on 31st October, 3,777 patients, viz.:—

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman ...	792	1,159	1,951
In Portrane ...	946	880	1,826
Totals ...	1,738	2,039	3,777
as compared with:—			
31st October, 1956 ...	1,721	2,063	3,784
31st October, 1955 ...	1,730	2,046	3,785
31st October, 1954 ...	1,748	2,037	3,785
31st October, 1953 ...	1,694	2,034	3,728

this year's numbers being 7 less than on the corresponding date last year and 49 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. During the month of October, 1957, 82 male and 63 female patients were admitted, total 145. One hundred and forty two of these were chargeable, of whom 73 were Temporary patients, 49 were Voluntary patients and 20 were Persons of Unsound Mind. Three patients were also admitted for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, 2 from Ennis and one from Clonmel Mental Hospitals.

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There has been a number of cases of influenza of a relatively mild type amongst staff and patients during the past month.

4. On the 6th October, male patient J.D. (11385), aged 87 years, when sitting at the fire of No. 5 Division in Grangegorm, got up from the seat and either took a weakness or accidentally slipped sustaining a fracture of the left hip. A Visiting Surgeon examined the patient and reported that he had chronic bone disease and that the fracture might have been pathological. The patient died on the 3rd November and the Coroner was notified. He did not require a post-mortem and he has not yet advised whether an inquest will be held.

Female patient E.K. (35962), aged 69 years, collapsed in Grangegorm at 8.25 a.m. on the 25th October and died in a few minutes. The Coroner was notified and a post-mortem examination revealed that death was due to cardiac failure. The Coroner did not deem an Inquest necessary.

On the 16th October, male patient F.S. (12031) was found in the toilet of No. 10 Division in Grangegorm, with a

very serious wound in his throat, which was self-inflicted. He received immediate attention from the medical officer on duty and a Visiting Surgeon was called in. The patient died on the 12th November and the Coroner has been notified.

5. On the 26th October, male patient J.C. (38672), aged 59 years, died unexpectedly in Portrane. He had been ill the day before and when seen by the medical officer appeared to be an ordinary case of influenza. The Coroner was notified and did not deem an inquest necessary. The cause of death was certified as myocarditis.

6. Female patient M.M.T.D. (12013) was allowed out on pass from Grangegorman on the 29th October in the care of her grandmother. She failed to return off pass and the usual steps were taken to trace her. So far she has not been located.

7. On the 16th October, male patient T. McC. (10361), who had liberty of the grounds at Portrane, was missed at about 3 p.m. Information was received some time later that he was in Donabate from where he was brought back to the hospital by car.

On the 22nd October, male patient P.F. (12048), who was in No. 5 Division at Portrane, got out of bed at 6 a.m. and going to the lavatory, which is on ground level, he broke a window there and got through it. He was located a short time afterwards by two attendants a few hundred yards from the main hospital gate. It is considered that greater care should have been exercised by the staff on duty in No. 5 Division at the time and they have been warned accordingly.

8. *Accidents to Patients, Grangegorman.*—On the 12th October, male patient J.P. (12164) slipped and fell in No. 5

Ward. He complained of pain in the right hip, and he was seen by a Visiting Surgeon. An X-ray examination showed signs of a fracture which appeared to be of old standing but the possibility of a recent fracture cannot be excluded.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane have been reported during the past month.

9. Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.—Nurse M.T.K. was kicked on the right shin by a patient on the 19th October and has been off duty since that date.

Nurse E.M. has been off duty since 2nd November with a cut on her left knee sustained when attending to a patient who had broken two panes of glass.

Nurse J. G. was off duty from the 13th to the 16th October as a result of a kick on the right ankle from a patient.

Nurse J. F. Jnr. was off duty from the 14th to the 21st October with an injury to his right ankle sustained while playing football for the hospital team.

Nurse J.W. was off duty on the 24th and 25th October with an injury to the left hand sustained when playing football for the hospital team.

M.B., boilerman, was off duty from the 15th October to the 3rd November with burns on the arms sustained while attending to the steam boilers.

J.O.S., painter, was off duty on the 7th and 8th November with an injury to his ankle caused by the collapse of a scaffolding on which he was working.

A number of other accidents to members of the Grangegorman staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

10. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Nurse M.G. has been off duty since 30th September with an injury to his left knee sustained when playing football on the hospital grounds.

Nurse L.K. has been off duty since 31st October with an injury to the right big toe sustained when a plank of wood fell on it.

Attendant P.J.R. was off duty from the 3rd to the 12th October with an injury to the right shoulder sustained when playing football for the hospital team.

Attendant M.A.M. was off duty from the 11th to the 17th ultimo, inclusive, with burn to her right hand.

Attendant E.L. was off duty from the 13th to the 16th October having been struck with a brush by a patient.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

11. With reference to the Inspection at Portrane, carried out by Councillors E. Timmons, Mrs. K. Nix and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on the 2nd October:—

Item 1 (a) and (b).—The Portrane Medical Superintendent states that almost all the patients in No. 5 Female Division are refractory and many are faulty in habits and he does not think that, except for working patients, it would be practicable to provide soft reclining chairs. A settee which is at present in the Nurses' Recreation Hall and which is being replaced, could be re-upholstered and transferred to this division for the use of working patients.

It is agreed that the division requires repainting and it is hoped to include it in the programme for next year.

Item 1 (c).—The Portrane Medical Superintendent does not consider that another Occupational Therapist

is needed in the Male O.T. Department. He hopes in the near future that much of this occupational work will be carried out in the wards themselves and so relieve pressure on the O.T. Department proper.

12. At about 3.30 a.m. on Sunday, 10th November, the night nurse on duty at Grangegorman discovered that the Fish Fryer in the Female General Kitchen was on fire. She noticed that the main switch to this appliance was in the "on" position and she switched it off. The fire was caused by the fat in the pan of the fryer becoming lighted through over-heating, which could only have happened if the heating elements were switched on for some time. The Clerk of Works estimates that it will cost £10 to repair the damage to the switch gear, wall and ceiling and a claim for that amount has been submitted to the Board's Fire Insurers. I am having enquiries made with a view to determining how the Fish Fryer became to be switched on that night.

13. The Board's Architect has carried out an examination of the Clock Tower over the North Dublin Union Annexe at Grangegorman and he has submitted a detailed report on its condition, which may be summarised as follows:—

The copper covering of the dome is perished and is missing completely from two sides. The timber framework forming the dome is decayed and there is evidence of woodworm attack in the timber work forming the floor and bell supports. The tower is out of plumb, the stones forming the cornices being badly decayed and the mortar in the joints being perished. The condition of the walls supporting the tower is bad, the external wall being badly twisted, the granite stones of the arch being fractured and the remainder of the rubble stonework,

brick work and all the mortar bedding being generally decayed.

The Architect recommends that the Tower be removed, the archway with external wall beneath the pediment be built up or supported and that this wall be supported by shores—all of which he estimates will cost about £2,000. He reports also that the condition of the external walls of the wings on either side of the tower is such that, in his opinion, it will be necessary in the near future to remove the top storey and re-roof at a lower level in order to reduce the strain on the walls.

I would recommend that a meeting of the Building Committee be held at an early date to consider the Architect's detailed report.

14. I have approved a proposal to erect a fence around the plot of ground adjacent to Nos. 17 and 19 female divisions at Grangegorman to provide recreation grounds for the patients which is badly needed. The Clerk of Works estimates that the cost of a suitable fence will not exceed £220.

I have also approved a proposal to convert an old bathroom opposite the Operating Theatre in No. 5 Hospital at Grangegorman, into a Dressing Station for minor injuries and treatments. The Clerk of Works estimates the cost at about £80. These two jobs were proposed by Mr. T. O'Brien following his inspection at Grangegorman in August, 1956, and a sum of £2,300 was provided in the estimates for the current year to meet the cost of these and other works arising from his inspection.

15. The Board's Architect reports that he has carried out a final inspection of the new residence provided for the Portrane

Medical Superintendent and that the defects previously reported have been made good. I have requested him to submit a statement of the final cost of this building.

16. I have authorised the purchase of two bed pan washers for the female hospital at Grangegorman, from Messrs. Davis King & Co., Ltd., at a cost of £128 6s. 0d. each. There is provision for the purchase of these articles in an existing loan.

17. In September last Bord na Mona agreed to make available 2,000 tons of turf briquettes for Grangegorman and another 2,000 tons for Portrane during their 1957-58 season which ends on the 31st August, 1958. Owing to the heavy demand for this fuel Bord na Mona has asked me to defer drawing on this allocation until the end of December. As the full amount allocated can be used during the succeeding eight months I have agreed to do so. For the intervening period it is necessary to procure steam coal and I have authorised the purchase of 450 tons of Scotch steam coal at £6 5s. 6d. per ton ex ship from Messrs. Tedcastle McCormick & Co., Ltd., for Portrane and 100 tons for Grangegorman. Messrs Tedcastle McCormick & Co. submitted the lowest tender for Scotch coal in response to tenders invited by advertisement early last month. It will be necessary to purchase a further 100 tons of Welsh steam coal for Grangegorman for which tenders are being invited.

With regard to the question asked at the last meeting of the Board on the possibility of extending the use of native fuel at Grangegorman, the Clerk of Works reports that it is not possible to maintain steam at Grangegorman during the winter months with machine turf. He is going into the question of adapting the steam boilers at Grangegorman for the use of machine turf during the summer months, on the lines of a

scheme proposed by the Chief Engineer at Portrane, but he is in some doubt as to whether it would be economic to expend money on new equipment for these boilers at present owing to their age and condition. The Board's Consulting Engineers have recommended the replacement of the steam boilers on the Male Side at Grangegorman and if it should be decided to do so, consideration will be given to the installation of a plant suitable for burning native fuel economically.

18. A claim made on behalf of the Caretaker and Pump Attendant at Broadmeadow and Lissenhall was the subject of a hearing at the Labour Court on the 16th October, and the Court has recommended that this man's wages be increased from £6 4s. 8d. to £8 10s. a week, with effect as and from 1st November, 1957. The Caretaker's remuneration includes free house and certain grazing rights. I propose to adopt the Court's recommendations, subject to the consent of the Board and the sanction of the Minister for Health.

19. I will have available next week the draft lists of special works for inclusion in the Annual Estimates for 1958-59. I presume that, as in previous years, the Board will wish to have these lists examined by the respective Visiting Committees. It would be of the greatest assistance in preparing the general estimates if the Committees could meet for this purpose at an early date.

E. O'CAOIDH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

21st November, 1957.

20. At the meeting of the Board held on 15th August last I reported that applications had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers for an increase of 6s. a week from 28th May, 1956, and a further 7s. 6d. a week from August, 1957, in the rate paid to the Board's adult farm workers. In regard to the first claim, I had agreed to grant an increase of 3s. 6d. a week from 28th May, 1956, and a further 2s. 6d. a week from 1st April, 1957, subject to the consent of the Board and the sanction of the Minister for Health. I was not prepared to agree to the second claim.

The two claims were the subject of a hearing at the Labour Court on 1st October last. In regard to the first claim, the Court has recommended that the Federation's demand for the full increase of 6s. a week from 28th May, 1956, should be conceded. I am prepared to accept this recommendation and I would ask for the Board's consent to my making application for the Minister's sanction to an increase of 6s. a week from 28th May, 1956, in the rates paid to the Board's adult farm workers, i.e., those of 20 years of age and over. The cost of granting this increase in the current financial year would amount to £1,504; in subsequent years, £815 a year. A sum of £750 was included in the Farm Estimates for the current year to meet an anticipated increase in farm wages and I would ask the Board to authorise the additional expenditure of £754 involved in the present proposal.

The Labour Court does not recommend that the second increase be conceded.

21. With reference to the Inspection carried out by the Grangegorman Visiting Committee on 7th November, I have to report :—

Item 1 (a) The removal of the Clock Tower over the North Dublin Union Building is referred to in my report dated 15th November.

(b) The Workshops to which the Committee refer are, I presume, those housing the Shoemakers and Weavers' Shops. This old wooden building is in such a condition that repair is not practicable. I have under consideration at present the question of finding other accommodation for these shops.

(c) Provision has been made in the draft estimates for 1958-59 for resurfacing this stretch of roadway.

(d) A sum of £400 has been included in the draft estimates for 1958-59, for repairing this building. At the moment it does not appear possible to remove it.

2. As the Board is aware, a good deal of consideration has been given in recent years to the problem of providing additional and improved accommodation. Under the present conditions of financial stringency, it appears highly improbable that funds could be obtained for a large-scale programme of demolition and reconstruction at Grangegorman. Plans have already been submitted to the Minister for Health for a new Admission Unit and application has been made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to a loan of £63,500 to meet the cost of replacing the wooden building which formerly

housed No. 2 Division. It is probable that progress on these two schemes is delayed because of the difficulty in providing the necessary funds.

There are good prospects of obtaining alternative accommodation in other locations for some of the Board's patients. If these materialise and pressure on accommodation is relieved by the transfer of patients, I think it would be desirable to re-examine the whole problem then on the lines suggested by the Visiting Committee.

3. It is essential that a number of resident nurses should sleep in rooms adjacent to the patients' dormitories in order to provide assistance for the night staff on duty in any emergency.

E. O'CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon :—

Paragraph 13. Meeting of Building Committee to be held Thursday, 28th November, at 4 p.m.

Paragraph 18. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor J. Delaney, "That the Board consents to application being made to the Minister for Health for sanction to an increase of 5s. 4d. a week, with effect from the 1st November, 1957, in the wages of the Caretaker and Pump Attendant at Broadmeadows and Lissenhall. *Passed unanimously.*"

Paragraph 19. Visiting Committees to examine and report.

Paragraph 20. Proposed by Mr. John Smithers, seconded by Councillor B. Conway, "That the Board consents to application being made to the Minister for Health for sanction

to an increase of 6s. a week, with effect from the 28th May, 1956, in the wages of the Board's adult farm workers, and authorises the expenditure of a sum of £754 in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1957-58, for that purpose. *Passed unanimously.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 12th November from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, advising that Councillor William Lawless, who represented the Council on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, had resigned his appointment and the Council at a meeting held on the 11th November appointed Councillor Edward Byrne, 2 Roselawn Park, Boghall, Bray, to fill the vacancy caused by Councillor Lawless' resignation.

Order : Noted.

E. M. MURRAY,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

Falconer, Dublin.

*Report No. 307.**28th November, 1957.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A Meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of November, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—Councillors Edward J. Byrne, B. Conway, W. J. Colman, J. Dignam, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. W. Chase, Anthony Lalor and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER, PORTRANE.*28th November, 1957.*

1. *Milk Supplies.*—Since my last report of the 24th ultimo milk supplies have been well maintained and full supplies were available for both hospitals with slight surpluses. The small surpluses are being divided between the two Hospitals. Culling of the uneconomic cows from the herd is continuing. The present daily average yield from 255 milking cows is 2.22 gallons.

The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with last month :

	Present Month	Last Month
Over 7 gallons	—	1
6 to 7 gallons	5	—
5 to 6 "	5	5
4 to 5 "	16	24
3 to 4 "	44	42
2 to 3 "	87	75
1 to 2 "	60	74
Under 1 gallon	38	29
Total	255	250

2. *Purchases and Sales of Livestock.*—The following is a summary of (a) purchases, (b) sales of livestock during the month of October.

(a) 41 sheep for £340 15s. and 1 bull for £145.

(b) 32 calves were sold for £466. The prices received were as follows : 5 at £10, 3 at £12, 4 at £13 15s., 9 at £14, 2 at £15, 1 at £15 10s., 2 at £16, 1 at £19, 3 at £20, 1 at £20 10s., and 1 at £22.

24 bonhams were sold at the following prices : 19 at £5 15s., 3 at £6 and 2 at £6 5s.; total £139 15s. 28 store pigs were sold at the following prices : 12 at £8, and 16 at £7 7s. 6d.; total £214. 2 fat sows and 1 boar were sold for £51 2s. 3d. nett on the Dublin Market. 42 store pigs were transferred to Grangegorman at £6 10s. each and 20 fat pigs were transferred to Grangegorman at £15 10s. each; total £81

3. On October 31st a milch cow died suddenly at Ballymastone. The Veterinary Surgeon was called in immediately and diagnosed pneumonia. Of the 60 milch cows on this farm, 16 were found to be affected when examined. One cow subsequently died and two more were slaughtered on the advice of the Veterinary Surgeon—one carcase was passed as fit for human consumption but the other was condemned and was used for pig feeding. The Department of Agriculture and an officer from Thorndale Research Laboratory were called in and assisted in the investigation of the trouble which was found to be allergic brought about by too high a concentration of protein in the diet, principally due to short lucious young grass recently manured with nitrogen. The cows were taken off the pasture and remedial steps were taken which cleared up the trouble. I am glad to say the other affected cows have recovered.

4. *T.B. Test.*—The Autumn T.B. test of the whole herd with the exception of the younger calves has just finished. Out of 366 cows and 184 heifers (550 animals) on test, there were three definite reactors and 18 doubtfuls, i.e., .55% and 3.27%, respectively; total 3.82%. The reactors were two cows and 1 heifer and the doubtfuls were 13 cows and 5 heifers.

In May of this year 601 animals were tested and there were 7 reactors and 25 doubtfuls, a percentage of 1.16 and 4.16, respectively or a total of 5.32%. In the November test of last year, there were 7 reactors and 21 doubtfuls, representing 1.1% and 3.89% of the total of 554 animals on test.

This test is a very satisfactory one and shows an improvement as compared with either of the two previous tests. The three reactors will be disposed of, and the doubtfuls will be kept isolated and put under test in two months time.

5. *Grass*.—Grass supplies were fairly well maintained up to the present. All the milch cows are housed by night and are now on Winter rations, the silage pits having been opened at Portrane and Turvey farms. The milch cows have a run of the pastures during the day. The dry stock is still being maintained on grass and no winter foddering has commenced so far.

6. *Crops*.—The digging and storage of the main crop potatoes continues and it is hoped that this work will be completed before Thursday, the day of this meeting. On the whole the yield will be equal to or above the average yield of previous years but, unfortunately, there is a higher percentage of diseased and blighted tubers which I understand is a feature of the crop in general. The new potato store at Turvey was completed in time and is now filled to capacity with the crop. This house provided us with the necessary accommodation for the storage of the whole crop, which should prove a great advantage in the control of loss which might occur in storage of a crop which contains a higher percentage of diseased tubers than usual.

With the recent fine weather and the earlier lifting of the potato crop, it was found possible to sow an area of winter wheat extending to 23 statute acres. This included an area of 6 acres of ley ground at Santry Court.

7. *Santry Court*.—Some of the pastures at Santry Court were deteriorating and one field was ploughed and sown with winter wheat. Another field of approximately 7 acres, which was very wet, is at present being drained in preparation for mole draining. It is intended to plough this field later and sow the field with spring wheat.

The young friesian bull recently purchased, has been transferred to the farm and the hereford bull has been sent back to Portrane.

The present stock on this farm consists of 82 yearling heifers, 29 two-year-old heifers, 1 bull and 1 horse.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order : Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

PORTRANE.

1. *Vegetable Fields.*—The area under winter and early spring crops at the moment is as follows :—8 acres of savoy cabbage, 5 acres broccoli, 3 acres swede turnips, 2 acres parsnips, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre brussel sprouts, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre leeks and 1 acre carrots, total 22 acres. This will be sufficient to keep up a supply of vegetables to the two institutions for the next five months.

The planting of spring cabbage was completed last week. The total area under this crop is 15 acres.

Spring onions :—Harvesting and hanking of the remainder of the crop is finished. The total yield from 5 acres (map measurement) was 35 tons.

Tillage :—20 acres have been ploughed during the past month and, at the moment, I am manuring a further 6 acres in preparation for ploughing.

2. *Gardens and Recreation Grounds.*—All fruit trees have been sprayed with I.T.P. Autumn—spring wash and pruning of fruit trees is now in progress. 300 potted chrysanthemums have been transferred indoors and their blooms are now being cut for Churches and wards. Renovations including re-turfing and removal of undergrowth and trees between old and new female divisions is being carried out on recreation grounds.

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3. Four acres of ground have been manured and ploughed during the past month. Other work during this period included planting cabbage, lettuce, earthing leeks and general upkeep of grounds.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order : Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDENS.

5th November, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane Farm and Gardens on Tuesday, November 5th.

We regretted to be informed that at Ballymastone a number of cattle has been affected by a type of pneumonia resulting in a loss of three cows. We saw one animal suffering from the effects of the disease and doubts were entertained that it would live. Twelve other cattle had recovered after treatment. The cause of the outbreak was being examined by the Board's Veterinary Surgeon in association with officials of the Department of Agriculture.

We would like to support the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager for the alteration suggested to the cattle stalls at Ballymastone which are too big. The shortening of the stalls would greatly facilitate the staff servicing the animals.

Our visit coincided with a very bad spell of wet weather and little outdoor work was possible. Some of the potato fields were flooded and the work of harvesting the crop interrupted. The quality of some of the crop harvested was not so good.

We went to the farmyard and saw some excellent litters of bonhams which showed that pig production was now back to normal and good prices were being obtained for those sold.

Calves which we were shown looked in good condition and they included a number which had been transferred from Santry Court suffering from Hoose and had made a good recovery.

Weather conditions had militated against work in the gardens but notwithstanding that good progress was being made with the planting of cabbage. The harvesting of the onion crop was also in progress. In the glasshouses the chrysanthemums were beginning to flower and we saw some beautiful blooms. We discussed the question of providing accommodation for fertilisers and we approve of the proposal made by the Head Gardener for the erection of a suitable store.

We wish to thank Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, and Mr. Wolohan, Head Gardener, for their co-operation.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

MARY C. ENNIS.

Order : Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to date of next meeting of the Committee :—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ Gilbert Hughes.

„ Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Mr. Anthony Lalor.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 308.**28th November, 1957.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.****BUILDING COMMITTEE.**

A Meeting of the Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of November, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—Councillors Mary B. Andrews, William J. Colman, Miss M. C. Ennis, P. McCarthy, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, Thomas Stafford, Messrs. John Cahill, T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

CLOCK TOWER, N.D.U. ANNEXE, GRANGEGORMAN.

The following letter from the Board's Architect, Mr. Vincent Kelly, was submitted :—

87 Merrion Square,
Dublin.

4th November, 1957.

The Chief Clerk,
Grangegorman Mental Hospital,
Dublin.

Re : CLOCK TOWER, N.D.U. ANNEXE, GRANGEGORMAN.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 17th July, I have carried out a detailed examination of the Tower and desire to submit hereunder my report on its condition.

The Tower and its supporting walls were examined on four separate occasions, as follows :—

13th Sept. Detailed examination of Tower.

19th „ Plumbing and measuring the Tower and face of the Building.

30th „ Internal examination of the walls and floors of the Building.

18th „ Internal and external examination with Architectural and Structural Advisers to the Minister for Health.

The examination of the Tower, from the scaffolding, has revealed that its condition is far more dilapidated than was apparent from the ground. The copper covering to the dome is perished and is missing completely from two sides, the timber framework forming the dome is decayed, as are also the timber louvres to the four sides. The copper covering to the floor is completely perished (this covering collected rainwater which entered via the louvres), there is evidence of woodworm attack in the timber work forming the floor and bell-supports.

The Tower is out-of-plumb or leaning to one side to an extent of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " the stones forming the cornice being badly decayed as are also some of the stones on the exposed South-west side. The mortar in the joints of many of the stones has perished. Several stones at the bottom of the Tower are spalled-off at the corners indicating that the weight has ceased to be evenly distributed over the bedding, as a result of a tendency in the structure to bulge and spread outwards.

The condition of the walls supporting the Tower is bad, the external wall beneath the Pediment being not only very badly bulged but actually twisted in such a manner that one of the quoins forming the projecting feature is not in line with

that on the other side. The granite springer-stones of the arch have fractured, as have also some of the rubble stones. The remainder of the rubble stonework, brickwork and all of the mortar bedding is generally decayed.

The internal walls which enclose the staircase and support three sides of the Tower appear to be in good condition; but a close examination has revealed that a number of cracks had been filled when the walls were decorated some twelve months ago.

The building consists, on each of its three floors, of large Day-rooms and Dormitories located on either side of the central pedimented feature. These large rooms are 113 feet in length; thus the only structural tie-walls are those which correspond to the quoins beneath the pediment. The existence of the vertical cracking on each floor is evidence that these tie-walls are no longer effectively bonded to the external walls.

In addition to the Tower and its supporting walls I have generally examined the walls of the remaining portion of the building which forms the Tower side of the Courtyard. The external wall of the wings, each side of the Tower, are bulged inwards and outwards in a most irregular fashion; there is, however, a general tendency of the Western wing to lean northwards and the Eastern wing southwards. The exact pattern of these irregularities could only be plotted by taking precise measurements and plumbings at regular spacings.

It is possible that the irregularities may be due to the walls being built in accordance with the usual practice of the period; namely, loose or unjointed rubble between an inner and outer skin of jointed stonework. Walls constructed in this manner usually fail due to unequal loading and lack of bond across their thickness.

A superficial examination of the walls on the Courtyard side reveals that they are constructed of poor quality kelp stonework laid without regard to size or bed and jointed with mortar which has now decayed.

The northern facade does not present so dilapidated an appearance owing to the fact that it has been re-pointed; this re-pointing and wiggling is not effective on this type of stonework as it tends, in time, to part from the friable surface of the stonework.

Having carefully considered all of the circumstances and taken into account the age of the building, its general condition and layout, particularly in regard to fire hazards, I recommend that the following be carried out, namely (a) that the Tower be removed as soon as possible to reduce the weight on its supporting walls; (b) that the Archway in the external wall beneath the pediment be built-up or effectively supported and (c) that this wall be supported by temporary raking shores.

I should have no hesitation in giving favourable consideration to a recommendation that the Tower be put into repair and the external wall beneath same re-built, even at considerable expense, were the building in a reasonably sound structural condition and suitable for its purpose. The condition, however, of the external walls of the wings each side of the Tower is such, that, in my view, it will be necessary, in the near future, to remove the top storey and re-roof the building at a lower level, so as to reduce the weight and strain imposed on the walls; I would prefer, however, to examine this question more precisely before making a positive recommendation.

I find it difficult accurately to estimate the cost of the removal of the Tower and the provision of temporary shoring to the wall beneath same in view of three factors, the precise

implications of which cannot be determined at this stage ; these are (a) whether the base of the Tower should be removed ; (b) the extent of the roofing to be provided to cover the area exposed and (c) the difficulties created by the fact that the work must be carried out in an enclosed Courtyard to which there may not be free access at all normal working times. I am of the opinion, however, that a sum of £2,000 should be allocated to cover the all-in cost of the work. It is possible that certain contingencies for which I have provided may not arise, in which case, a saving of expenditure would result.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

The Architect's report was discussed and the following resolution proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, and seconded by Mr. John Smithers was adopted unanimously :—" We recommend that the Architect's proposals as to the initial steps to be taken to secure this building (i.e., by removing the tower and supporting the sub-structure) be approved and adopted ; that the work, which the Architect recommends will cost not more than £2,000 be carried out by direct labour ; and that the Architect be instructed to submit as soon as possible a detailed report as to the further work necessary on this building "

The Chief Clerk reported that the building was held under lease from the Minister for Health and that it would be necessary to obtain the Minister's approval for any alterations to it. In view of the urgency of the matter he was instructed to apply for the Minister's approval to the work proposed by the Architect, pending consideration of the Committee's report by the Board.

The Architect reported that he was keeping a close watch on the condition of the building and the Committee agreed unanimously that work on the tower and sub-structure might be put in hands immediately if, in the opinion of the Architect it should be advisable to do so.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 309.

19th December, 1957.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.

BOARD MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 19th day of December, 1957, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

Dublin Corporation Representatives :—Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors James Carroll, T.D., (Lord Mayor) P. J. Bermingham, Robert Ellis, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Denis Delaney, Gilbert Hughes, Denis Larkin, T.D., Messrs. John Cahill, W. Chase, J. Jones, Roland Roulston, Liam Gaynor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives :—Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews, J. Dignam, P.C. and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives :—Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 306 of the 21st November, 1957) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 30th November, 1957, was submitted as follows:—

	Males			Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 31-10-'57	1,780	2,063	3,843		
Admitted during month	75	68	143		
	1,855	2,131	3,986		
	M.	F.	T.		
Discharged during month	68	69	137		
Died do.	8	15	23		
Escaped do.	—	1	1		
	76	85	161		
Remaining on Hospital Register ...	1,779	2,046	3,825		
Absent on trial and escape ...	31	36	67		
Remaining in residence ...	1,748	2,010	3,758		

DISTRIBUTION.

In Grangegorman ...	792	1,149	1,941
In Portlaoise ...	956	861	1,817
Total number resident as above ...	1,748	2,010	3,758

CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	2,842
County Dublin	...	525
County Wicklow	...	330
Criminal Lunatics	...	42
Non-district patients	...	19
Total	...	3,758

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Mr. J. Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 307 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th November, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Mr. J. Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 308 of the meeting of the Building Committee held on the 28th November, 1957. *Passed unanimously.*

(See Paragraph 12 of the Manager's report of the 13th December, 1957, and order made thereon).

On the motion of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Miss Andrews, Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge was unanimously appointed to the vacancy on the Building Committee resulting from the resignation of Councillor William Lawless.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

26th November, 1957.

1. We visited Grangegorman on the 26th November, 1957, and as requested by the Board, we examined the draft list of special works at Grangegorman for inclusion in the General Estimate for 1958-59.

We recommend:—

(a) That the Clerk of Works should submit to the Board before the commencement of the next financial year a detailed schedule of the painting and redecorating to be provided out of the sum of £4,500—the works included in the schedule to be set out in order of urgency.

(b) That a 10-gallon electric water heater be installed over the kitchen sink in each of the staff houses not already provided with a bath. We are informed by the Clerk of Works that the cost of this work would be in the region of £1,000 and we recommend that a sum of £500 be provided in the Estimates for 1958-59 to enable about half the houses to be dealt with in that year.

(c) That the sum provided for contingencies be reduced from £2,500 to £2,000 to offset the cost of the foregoing recommendation.

Subject to the foregoing, we recommend approval to the draft list of works, the total cost of which is estimated to amount to £19,725.

2. During the course of our inspection we were surprised to find considerable overcrowding in No. 24 Female Division. There are 168 patients in this division under the care of a charge nurse and five other nurses. There is a problem here of providing lockers for patients' clothing and we would suggest that the old office be used as a temporary cloakroom. We feel that a reduction in the number of patients would help to solve most of the problems in this division.

3. We appreciate greatly the co-operation given to us by the Clerk of Works during our visit.

E. TIMMONS.

L. GAYNOR.

A. LALOR.

G. HUGHES.

Order :—See Paragraph 10 of the Manager's Report of the 13th December, 1957.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

27th November, 1957.

1. We visited Portrane on Wednesday, November 27th. With Dr. Aird, R.M.S. and Mr. Chalmers, Chief Engineer, we considered the list of special works to be provided in the 1958-59 Estimates, the total cost of which is estimated to be £11,070, and recommend it for approval.

2. We suggest that serious consideration be given to the question of renewing the heating system which has been in continual use for the past sixty years. The annual maintenance cost of £500 is likely to continue and even increase,

3. We inspected a number of the works put forward and consider them essential. Some of them have already been recommended by various Visiting Committees during the past year.

4. We saw sample tables for use in the Dining Hall and we are satisfied that their construction and type is suitable. The provision of these tables which accommodate four persons marks a progressive step. We suggest that the colours of the plastic tops be chosen in four contrasting shades which would improve the general appearance of the Dining Hall. We suggest that a number of tubular steel stacking type chairs be purchased to ascertain their suitability for use with these tables.

5. In the course of our inspection we visited the Children's Division; No. 1 and 2 Male Divisions, No. 7 Epileptic dormitory, No. 7 Male Hospital, the General Dining Hall, the Main Kitchen, the Breadroom and the Male Nurses' Dining Hall. We did not receive any complaints from patients.

6. We recommend that consideration be given to the construction of a Canteen between the Male and Female Divisions. No facilities exist as in Grangegorman whereby relatives and other visitors can obtain light refreshments for patients and themselves. Having regard to the distance which relatives and friends have to travel to Portrane, we consider that the provision of such a Canteen is very necessary.

We desire to record our appreciation of the kind assistance given us by Dr. Aird and Mr. Chalmers in the course of our inspection.

EUGENT TIMMONS,
P. J. BERMINGHAM,
MARY ANDREWS,
JOHN SMITHERS,

Order:—Refer to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 9th January, 1958, date of next meeting of the Board.

GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Alderman Mrs. C. Lynch.

Councillor Denis Larkin.

„ Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

„ Mrs. C. Byrne.

Mr. John Cahill.

Mr. William Chase.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

13th December, 1957.

1. There were resident in the Board's hospitals on 30th November, 1957, 3,758 patients, viz. :—

	Males	Females	Totals
In Grangegorman	792	1,149	1,941
In Portrane	943	874	1,817
Total	1,735	2,023	3,758

as compared with :—

	M	F	T
30th November, 1956 ...	1,719	2,064	3,783
30th November, 1955 ...	1,739	2,042	3,781
30th November, 1954 ...	1,727	2,030	3,757
30th November, 1953 ...	1,724	2,026	3,750

this year's numbers being 25 less than on the corresponding date last year and 8 more than on the corresponding date in 1953.

2. During the month of November, 1957, 76 male and 68 female patients were admitted, total 144. One hundred and forty two of these were chargeable, of whom 67 were temporary, 51 were voluntary and 24 were Persons of Unsound Mind. There were also admitted one Voluntary Private patient and one patient from Monaghan Mental Hospital under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, for special treatment.

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and Portrane Medical Superintendent to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. In August last I reported that female patient M.B. (30322), aged 60 years, had been injured by another patient in No. 7 Division at Portrane. The patient was transferred to Grangegorman for treatment and I regret to state that she died there on the 21st November. An Inquest was held on the 5th December and the verdict returned by the Jury was to the effect that the patient died from acute bronchial pneumonia and cardiac failure accelerated by injuries received when she was knocked down by another patient in Portrane on the 17th August. The Jury expressed the opinion that the occurrence was accidental and they attached no blame to the nursing staff of the hospital.

5. Male patient L.K. (12503), a liberty patient at Grange-gorman, was reported to be missing on the 30th November. He was brought back to the hospital on the 1st December. The Chief B.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with his escape.

Male patient J.O.S. (12241) did not return off pass on the 9th December. He was re-admitted as a Voluntary patient on the 10th but again failed to return off pass on the 27th.

Male patient J. McK. (11023) refused to return off pass on the 10th November. He was brought back to the Hospital the following day by nurses sent for him.

Male patient G.F. (12466), a voluntary patient, failed to return off pass on the 22nd November. He was re-admitted as a Voluntary patient on the 28th November.

Male patient P.K. (7609) failed to return off pass on the 2nd December.

6. *Accidents, to Patients, Grange-gorman.*—Male patient J.D. (12068) was discharged 'on trial' on the 4th October, 1957. He was admitted to a City Hospital on the 13th November with a self-inflicted wound to the neck. The wound was only skin-deep. The patient was re-admitted to Grange-gorman 'off trial' on the 14th November.

On the 13th November at 11.40 p.m. male patient J.H. (35728) broke a pane of glass with his bare feet and sustained one deep and numerous small cuts.

On the 20th November female patient B.C. (36773) slipped and fell, sustaining a colles fracture to the right hand. She was treated immediately, X-rayed and plaster applied.

On the 24th November female patient L.C. (12014) was knocked down by another patient. An X-ray examination showed dislocation of the head of humerus, which was reduced.

On the 27th November female patient B.H. (10635) accidentally fell in the Dayroom and fractured her right hip. She was transferred immediately to the hospital division for treatment.

On the 2nd December female patient H.M. (42146) accidentally slipped on the dayroom floor. An X-ray examination revealed slight fracture of the radial process.

On the 1st December female patient C.H. (278) fell to the floor in an asthmatic attack. She complained of pain in the right hip and an X-ray examination showed an impacted extra-trochanteric fracture.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane during the past month, were reported.

7. *Accidents to Staff, Grangegorman.*—Attendant C.L. has been off duty since 15th November with an injury to her knee caused by a fall.

Temporary nurse M.A.M. was off duty from the 27th to the 30th November with an injury to her right foot sustained when a patient pushed a seat against it.

Nurse P.B. was off duty from the 4th to the 6th December with injuries to her ribs sustained in a fall down the steps of No. 23A Division.

A number of other accidents to members of the staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

8. *Accidents to Staff, Portrane.*—Temporary attendant E.M. was off duty from the 25th to 28th November with injured ribs sustained when playing hurling for the hospital team.

A number of other accidents to members of the Portrane staff were reported which did not cause incapacity.

9. I have authorised the usual Christmas extras for patients and staff and an extra cinema performance during Christmas week.

10. With reference to the report submitted by the Grange-gorman Visiting Committee following their inspection on the 26th November, I have to state :—

Item 1 (a) The Clerk of Works has been instructed to prepare for submission to the Board a detailed schedule of the painting and re-decorating to be carried out during 1958-59.

Item 1 (b) and (c) The list of special works for inclusion in the draft Estimates has been amended as recommended by the Visiting Committee.

Item 2. I have authorised the Clerk of Works to provide a series of clothes hanging racks in the office attached to No. 24 female division, at a cost not exceeding £25.

11. With reference to the report submitted by the Portrane Visiting Committee on the inspection carried out on the 25th October, I have to state :—

Item 1. The discoloration of the pillars to the main archway would appear to be largely due to age. The Chief Engineer has recommended that the stonework should be treated with a coat of 'Cementone' composition and I have authorised him to have this done at an approximate cost of £20. The chipping of the lower portion could be prevented by the provision of a cycle rack and an estimate of the cost is being obtained.

Item 2. The covering to the steam piping mentioned by the Visiting Members has been repaired.

Item 4. In the loan raised to cover the cost of alterations to the electrical installation at Portrane necessitated by the change over to a supply from the National mains, a sum of £1,220 was provided for a stand by generator. On the 12th April, 1956, the Board approved of a proposal to instal the generator and this proposal was submitted to the Department of Health for approval in principle.

In November, 1956, the Board's Consulting Engineer reported that the cost of a fully automatic stand by generator would be £2,040. He explained that his estimate of £1,220 was for a manually operated set only. Having obtained quotations for the equipment required, the Consulting Engineer reported in April, 1957, that the actual cost of the new generator and auxiliary equipment, wiring, etc., would be about £1,800.

I have not yet received from the Consulting Engineer a final statement of the cost of the change over of the electrical installation at Portrane but the indications are that it will be substantially in excess of the amount originally estimated and the amount of the loan raised to cover it, so that there will be no balance left with which to purchase a standby generator. In these circumstances, I think the question of installing a stand by generator requires further consideration. While it would obviously be very convenient and desirable, it might be considered that some cheaper form of auxiliary lighting might be sufficient. I propose to refer this question to the Department for Health for consideration by their Technical Advisers, having regard to the practice in other district mental hospitals supplied with electricity from over-head mains.

Item 5. I have requested the Chief Engineer to obtain quotations for an asbestos suit for the fire station.

12. With reference to Report No. 308 of the Building Committee which is before the Board to-day, I have been informed that the Minister for Health has approved of the recommendations made by the Committee that steps be taken to secure the North Dublin Union Annexe Building by removing the Clock Tower and supporting the structure underneath, on the lines proposed by the Architect. Since the meeting of the Committee, the Architect has recommended that arrangements be made forthwith to put this work in hands and I have authorised him to do so as a matter of urgency.

The Minister has suggested that the Board should consider also whether the walls of the top storey of the North Dublin Union Building should be temporarily shored and I have requested the Architect to report on this suggestion as quickly as possible.

The work referred to in the first paragraph is estimated to cost £2,000 and, as no provision has been made for this expenditure in the current year's estimate, I would ask the Board to authorise it specially. The Minister has been asked whether a grant towards the cost could be made from the Hospitals' Trust Fund; if this is not possible he has been asked for an assurance that the expenditure will be reckonable for the purposes of the Health Services Grant to the Board's Contributing Authorities.

13. I have received from Professor J. Bayley-Butler a report on a survey of the buildings at Portrane carried out with a view to determining the extent of the infestation by wood worm and Dry Rot detected earlier this year. His

report is to the effect that there is no indication of the presence of the true Dry Rot but that Wet Rot is widespread and that there is also wood worm throughout all the roof areas examined. Professor Bayley-Butler has been in consultation with the Board's Architect and I have asked the latter to submit an approximate estimate of the cost involved in treating the buildings.

14. A sum of £1,600 was provided in the Estimates for 1956/57 for the installation of a central radio receiving station and sound distribution system at Portrane. Owing to the need for economy, the work was not put in hands in that year but on the 21st March, 1957, the Board authorised specially the expenditure of a similar sum in the current financial year. From an examination of the expenditure in the current year to date, it appears probable that the year will finish with a debit balance (for reasons which will be explained in the report on the Estimates next month) and, in the circumstances, I would like the Board to consider whether it is desirable to proceed with this scheme. At present there are individual radio sets throughout the various divisions in Portrane and, while they are not as efficient as the proposed new scheme would be, they have given reasonably satisfactory service over the years.

15. Tenders were recently invited for a supply of three steam jacketted cooking pans for Portrane, for which a sum of £800 was provided in the current year's annual estimates. The lowest tender submitted was that of Messrs. A. V. P. Desco Ltd., for stainless steel pans at £189 each. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have approved of the purchase of one steam pan from that firm for £189 plus £14 14s. 0d. for certain alterations which he considers desirable. The purchase of the remaining two pans required will be considered later.

16. The Estimates Meeting of the Board must be held on Thursday, 9th January, 1958, and I would recommend that the monthly meeting of the Board be brought forward by one week to that date and that, as usual, a meeting of the Board (sitting as a Committee of the whole Board) be held on Thursday, 2nd January, to consider the draft Estimates.

E. O. CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

19th December, 1957.

17. Further to Paragraph 4 of my report to the last meeting of the Board, an inquest was held on 11th December into the death of male patient F. S. (12031). The jury brought in a verdict that the patient died on 12th November, 1957, at Grangegorman Mental Hospital from bronchial pneumonia following injuries received when he cut his throat on 16th October, 1957, in Grangegorman Mental Hospital. I am inquiring into the circumstances surrounding this incident and I will report further.

18. The Minister for Health has approved the proposals for the improvement of the internal water services in the Female House at Grangegorman which are estimated to cost about £3,000. As already reported, it is intended to have this work carried out by the Board's own staff over a period of years. A sum of £1,500 for the first stage has been included in the draft Estimates for 1958-59 and, if this expenditure is approved by the Board, the work will be put in hands early in the coming financial year.

19. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have accepted the following tenders, being the lowest of a number received in response to public advertisement:—

- T. Messerman, Swords, for 150 tons straw at £4 per ton delivered.
- J. Keelaghan & Sons, Drogheda, for 55 tons super-phosphates at £11 10s. 0d. per ton delivered.
- Northern Fertilizers Ltd., Dundalk, for 27 tons muriatic of potash at £15 5s. 0d. per ton and 42 tons sulphate of ammonia at £19 15s. 0d. per ton delivered.

E. O CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Paragraph 11: Noted.

Paragraph 12: Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Smithers, "That Paragraph 12 of the Manager's Report of the 13th December, 1957, be approved and adopted and that the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate and Demand for 1957-58, on removing the Clock Tower over the North Dublin Union Annexe and supporting the structure underneath". Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 14: Proposed by Mr. John Cahill, seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly, "That this matter be deferred for consideration with the draft Estimates for 1958-59". Passed unanimously.

Paragraph 16: Approved.

E. M. MURRAY,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 310.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board.**

**ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
31st MARCH, 1959.**

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TABLE 1.—SHOWING THE DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER
OF PATIENTS RESIDENT IN THE HOSPITAL
FROM EACH COUNTY FROM 1934.

Year ended	Sub-Division of Hospital District				Criminal Lunatics	Non-District	Total
	City of Dublin	Co. Dublin	Co. Wick. low	Co. Louth			
31 March, 1934	2,683	474	322	249	79	—	3,807
" 1935	2,718	487	317	1	75	—	3,598
" 1936	2,715	499	320	—	72	—	3,606
" 1937	2,726	494	331	—	71	—	3,622
" 1938	2,700	503	323	—	71	—	3,597
" 1939	2,737	518	324	—	69	3	3,651
" 1940	2,728	520	314	—	70	10	3,642
" 1941	2,760	516	312	—	60	4	3,658
" 1942	2,703	504	306	—	68	7	3,586
" 1943	2,584	474	284	—	62	6	3,410
" 1944	2,501	453	280	—	56	3	3,293
" 1945	2,507	450	272	—	57	4	3,290
" 1946	2,531	458	279	—	55	8	3,331
" 1947	2,527	477	281	—	53	14	3,352
" 1948	2,458	460	287	—	55	33	3,302
" 1949	2,524	475	291	—	54	22	3,366
" 1950	2,577	493	306	—	50	15	3,441
" 1951	2,641	493	322	—	49	19	3,524
" 1952	2,633	505	330	—	50	15	3,533
" 1953	2,691	528	334	—	51	16	3,620
" 1954	2,822	497	337	—	49	25	3,730
" 1955	2,847	509	342	—	45	25	3,768
" 1956	2,883	503	340	—	40	26	3,792
" 1957	2,886	516	339	—	40	23	3,804
No. resident during seven months ended 31st October, 1957	2,853	522	339	—	41	21	3,778

TABLE 2.—SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE.

	Present Estimate, 1958-59	Last Estimate, 1957-58
	£	£
Estimated Expenditure as per Table 3	898,750	862,540
<i>Less</i> —Estimated Receipts (other than receipts in respect of Paying Patients from any of the con- tributing counties or county borough)	66,700	64,700
NET REQUIREMENTS ...	832,050	797,840
Estimated Debit Balance at com- mencement of year	16,236	4,382
TOTAL DEBITS ...	£848,286	£802,222
Estimated Receipts in respect of Paying Patients from counties and county borough	46,000	46,300
Estimated Credit Balance at com- mencement of year	—	—
TOTAL CREDITS ...	£46,000	£46,300
Difference being amount of Proposed Demand	£802,286	£755,922
Net Increase £46,364		

TABLE 3.—EXPENDITURE.

Actual Expenditure, 1954-55	Actual Expenditure, 1955-56	Actual Expenditure, 1956-57	Head of Service	Present Estimate, 1958-59	Last Estimate, 1957-58	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
142,002	94,106	94,801	Food, Drink and Tobacco ...	163,600	91,000	12,600	—
83,414	11,837	68,301	Farm Expenses	62,320	61,830	490	—
2,680	3,109	3,423	Materials for Washing or Cleansing	3,000	3,000	—	—
8,293	10,839	17,029	Medicines ...	20,000	12,000	8,000	—
60,010	66,431	72,162	Heating, Lighting and Water Supply	67,500	79,500	—	12,000
42,824	28,881	27,951	Clothing and Bedding ...	30,900	29,000	1,900	—
7,677	6,492	7,264	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	8,600	8,000	600	—
2,979	2,467	2,840	Medical and Surgical Appliances ...	2,700	2,500	200	—
279,186	410,460	405,818	Salaries and Wages ...	406,000	398,600	7,400	—
1,655	2,646	3,339	Fees to authorised Medical Officers	3,500	3,000	500	—
54,372	43,710	48,106	Superannuations ...	48,500	44,000	4,500	—
24,373	25,326	61,717	Structural Alterations, repairs and maintenance ...	72,895	65,330	7,565	—
3,419	3,673	3,389	Stationery, Printing and Advertising	3,500	3,500	—	—
4,662	5,023	6,992	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	6,725	6,700	25	—
138	228	194	Re-afforestation of Portree ...	250	250	—	—
13,283	12,957	12,874	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	13,100	13,530	—	370
189	314	255	Maintenance in Other Mental Hosp.	400	400	—	—
62	215	238	Cost of Conveyance ...	200	200	—	—
16,686	25,413	34,127	Loan Charges ...	45,000	40,000	5,000	—
£726,396	£814,217	£860,652	Total Revenue Expenditure	£898,759	£862,540	£36,210	—

TABLE 4.—RECEIPTS.

Actual Receipts, 1954-55	Actual Receipts, 1955-56	Actual Receipts, 1956-57		Present Estimate, 1958-59	Last Estimate, 1957-58	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
40,378	32,915	34,439	Receipts for Paying Patients:—				
7,088	8,085	7,788	(a) City of Dublin Account ...	34,000	34,500	—	500
3,678	2,851	5,358	(b) County Dublin Account ...	8,000	8,000	—	—
			(c) County Wicklow Account ...	4,000	3,800	200	—
51,124	44,851	47,583	Total for Patients from Contributing Area	46,000	46,300	—	300
3,805	3,757	3,858	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service Patients ...	3,800	3,800	—	—
5,191	4,547	4,283	(e) Criminal Lunatics ...	4,800	4,600	—	—
4,591	5,144	4,416	(f) Non-District Patients ...	4,500	4,000	500	—
64,711	58,299	60,159	Total for Paying Patients ...	58,700	58,500	200	—
10,363	12,008	9,971	Farm Account Sales ...	10,000	9,000	1,000	—
333	643	620	Sale of Offal and Old Stores ...	300	300	—	—
500	484	630	Interest Allowed by Treasurer ...	—	—	—	—
128	122	251	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	200	200	—	—
10,654	11,407	11,862	Superannuation Contributions ...	12,000	12,000	—	—
4,391	31,382	31,471	Deductions from Salaries and Wages ...	31,500	31,000	500	—
2,130	—	—	Accumulated Balances in Patients Private Property Account ...	—	—	—	—
£80,208	£114,845	£114,975	Total ...	£112,700	£111,000	£1,700	—

TABLE 5.—APPORTIONMENT OF ESTIMATE AND PROPOSED DEMAND FOR 1958-59 AND COMPARISON WITH LAST DEMAND.

	City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	Total
	£	£	£	£
Estimated Balance against at close of current year ...	9,126	6,558	552	16,236
Apportioned share of Net Requirement for Year 1958-59 ...	639,263	116,881	75,906	832,050
NET DEBITS	£648,389	£123,439	£76,458	£848,286
Receipts in respect of Paying Patients from Counties or County Borough for 1958-59 ...	34,000	8,000	4,000	46,000
Estimated Balance in favour at close of current year ...	—	—	—	—
NET CREDITS	£34,000	£8,000	£4,000	£46,000
Difference being Proposed Demand for 1958-59 ...	614,389	115,439	72,458	802,286
Corresponding Demand, 1957-58	584,950	104,282	66,710	755,942
Comparison ...	Increase £29,439	Increase £11,157	Increase £5,748	Increase 46,344

TABLE 6.—BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES.

Extract from Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

Section 43 (4). "Where a mental hospital district consists of a county borough and one or more administrative counties, the sum required to defray the expenses incurred by the mental hospital authority for the district during every year ending on the 31st day of March shall be supplied by the corporation of such borough and the council of such county or the councils of such counties severally in proportion to the net cost of maintenance, determined by the prescribed method, of the chargeable patients from their respective functional areas maintained by the mental hospital authority during such year, and the proportionate part of that sum of such council of a county or of each such council of a county shall be raised by means of the poor rate equally over the whole of the county."

The net cost of maintenance of the chargeable patients is determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

It is impossible to determine in advance the average numbers who will actually be chargeable against each county during the ensuing financial year and for the purpose of apportioning the estimate and demand the latest available figures are taken as a basis, viz., the average numbers resident during the seven months ended 31st October, 1957, which were as follows:—

City of Dublin	2,855
County Dublin	522
County Wicklow	339
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	3,716*

* Excluding non-district patients, and criminal lunatics.

On this basis the following table shows the ratio in which the estimated expenses are apportioned against each contributing county compared with last year:—

	1958-59	1957-58	Comparison	
	Estimate	Estimate	Increase	Decrease
City of Dublin	76.830%	77.336%	—	.508%
County Dublin	14.047%	13.641%	.406%	—
County Wicklow	9.123%	9.023%	.100%	—

TABLE 7.—DETAILS OF ESTIMATE FOR STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

Materials (only) for ordinary maintenance of buildings, plant and machinery and for structural and engineering repairs :—

GRANGEGORMAN	4,000
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PORTRANE	4,000
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Provision for special works, as detailed at foot :—

GRANGEGORMAN	19,725
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PORTRANE	11,670
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Wages of Schedule Maintenance Staff :—

GRANGEGORMAN	18,500
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PORTRANE	15,000
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£72,895

Corresponding amount in 1957-58	<u>£66,690</u>
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Increase	<u>£7,365</u>
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GRANGEGORMAN.

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1958-59.

	£
1. Painting and redecoration	4,500
2. Redecoration of employees' houses	400
3. Catholic Chapel, heating improvements	250
4. External, pointing, including chimney repairs	400
5. Replacement of and repairs to concrete paths	200
6. Road re-surfacing	500
7. Ceiling renewals, Female House	350
8. Plastering repairs	350
9. External plastering, staff houses	350
10. Repairs to outhouses of staff houses	100
11. Engineering: Repairs to steam boiler mountings, etc.	350
12. Electrical: Rewiring staff houses, hospital divisions and flex renewals	400
13. Nos. 7 and 9 Division Dayrooms, roofs and weather sheeting	400
14. Gutter replacement, No. 25 Division	350
15. Roof and gutter repairs	250
16. Insulation of steam boilers and mains	400
17. Covering dining tables with plastic	275
18. Cleaning gutters	100
19. Two food conveyors for Nos. 5 and 25 Divisions	200
20. Santry Court, miscellaneous repairs	150
21. Repairs to Glasshouse, Grangegorman	250
22. Repairs and redecoration of Clerk of Works' former office	150
23. Floor repairs and replacements	300
24. Plumbing replacements	200
25. Replacing defective sashes, Nos. 1 and 3 Division Dayrooms	150
26. Sooting and cleaning steam boilers, economisers and Bakery oven flues	400
27. Replacing H. & C. services to existing basins No. 6 Division Washhouse	200
28. Doors for toilets, Nos. 3 and 9 Divisions	300
29. Replacement of 12 potato steamers	2,400
30. Replacement of 6 steam jacketted water boilers	600
31. Re-roofing old Visiting Hall on Female Side	400
32. Water Services Scheme, Female House (part)	1,500
33. Provision of Water Heaters in Staff Houses	500
34. Provision for contingencies	2,000
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	£19,725

Corresponding amount in 1957-58 Estimates ... £14,825

PORTRANE.

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1958-59.

	£
1. Internal and external painting	4,000
2. Installation of telephones in Visiting Halls	50
3. Installation of urinals to No. 2 male division	200
4. Replacing baths and W.C. seats in No. 6 male division	150
5. Replacing dining hall tables No. 7 male division	120
6. Extra seats on No. 8 male division recreation grounds	50
7. Replacing tables in general dining hall	800
8. Redflooring bread room in terazzo	130
9. Supplying stainless steel trays for breadroom	300
10. Extension to playground at Children's Division	120
11. Supplying portable clothes horses to new units	80
12. Supplying First Aid boxes to farms, laundry and work-shops	40
13. Asphalt roofing outhouses at Lower Square and porches at Red Square houses	200
14. Additional shelves and lighting in General Stores	60
15. Renewal of capping, General Dining Hall	120
16. Pointing boiler house chimney and Clock Tower	250
17. Installation of base exchange softener for main boiler house	350
18. Installation of stand-by water pump	50
19. Replacing six sinks in General Kitchen scullery	250
20. Resurfacing of roadways and repairs to paths	150
21. Replacing main stream reducing valves	200
22. Repairs to heating services	500
23. Repairs to roofs and cleaning gutters	500
24. Sundry farm works	500
25. Provision for contingencies	2,500
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	£11,670

Corresponding amount in 1957-58 Estimates ... £8,855

TABLE 8.—DETAILS OF "MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES."

	Present Estimate, 1958-59	Last Estimate, 1957-58
	£	£
Outdoor Sports and Pastimes ...	1,200	1,200
Indoor Games and Amusements ...	100	100
Excursions ...	450	450
Newspapers and Periodicals Grange- gorman ...	550	600
Do. Portrane ...	500	400
Library Books and Pictures ...	100	100
Cinematograph Performances ...	800	900
Postage ...	550	500
Telephone Service (including Tele- grams) ... Grange-gorman	850	850
Do. Portrane ...	250	250
Maintenance Contracts, Internal Telephones ...	650	620
Extermination of Rats ...	50	50
Provision for Hospital and Sana- torium charges ...	1,500	2,000
G. N. Railway, Omnibus subsidy ...	400	400
Regulating Clock, Weighing Machines Musical Instruments, etc. ...	300	300
Burials ...	200	200
Travelling Expenses of Committee and Staff, Expenses of transfer of Patients to and from Portrane, allowances to Discharged Patients, Expenses Recapturing Escaped Patients ...	2,300	2,300
Law Costs (ordinary) ...	700	600
Sundry Purchases, including Church Requirements, which cannot be classified under ordinary heads of expenditure ...	400	400
Window Cleaning, Grange-gorman ...	360	360
Stamp duty on Paying Orders ...	400	400
Collection of Refuse ...	450	450
Repairs to radios ...	100	100
TOTAL ...	£13,160	£13,530

TABLE 9.—TABLE SHOWING DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT, AND AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE "PER PATIENT" FOR LAST TEN YEARS.

Year	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	Average Annual Expenditure "Per Patient"	
		Excluding Repayment of Loans	Including Repayment of Loans
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1947-48	3,302	147 11 0	152 10 2
1948-49	3,366	145 17 2	150 12 7
1949-50	3,441	139 3 11	143 0 2
1950-51	3,524	154 9 9	158 3 4
1951-52	3,533	172 11 7	176 10 5
1952-53	3,620	167 19 5	171 12 0
1953-54	3,730	174 1 8	178 4 11
1954-55	3,768	180 16 11	185 5 4
1955-56	3,792	193 3 2	199 17 2
1956-57	3,804	202 18 4	211 17 0
Last Estimate 1957-58	3,820	201 11 8	212 1 1
Present Estimate	3,800	210 0 3	222 6 1

The average expenditure per patient is based on the gross Revenue Expenditure of each year, less receipts from farm and garden sales, old stores and miscellaneous receipts.

In arriving at same no deduction is made in respect of receipts for paying Patients, "service patients" or criminal lunatics.

TABLE 10.—COMPARISON OF PROPOSED NET DEMAND WITH THE ACTUAL DEMANDS ON EACH COUNCIL SINCE 1937-38.

		City Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	Total	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident
		£	£	£	£	
1937-38	(Actual Demand)	152,264	25,375	19,837	197,576	3,597
1938-39	"	166,342	31,779	20,203	218,324	3,651
1939-40	"	172,207	32,992	21,206	226,405	3,642
1940-41	"	200,544	39,019	22,782	262,345	3,658
1941-42	"	224,090	39,974	25,434	289,489	3,586
1942-43	"	218,450	40,006	25,334	283,790	3,410
1943-44	"	292,426	51,632	31,121	375,189	3,293
1944-45	"	260,753	46,536	31,093	338,382	3,290
1945-46	"	260,456	45,020	27,985	333,461	3,331
1946-47	"	259,100	47,124	31,692	337,916	3,352
1947-48	"	319,618	61,909	35,239	416,766	3,302
1948-49	"	367,492	71,051	45,835	484,378	3,366
1949-50	"	403,949	73,716	48,061	525,626	3,441
1950-51	"	350,423	66,707	41,949	459,079	3,524
1951-52	"	433,013	76,234	52,180	561,427	3,533
1952-53	"	448,353	87,959	62,715	599,027	3,620
1953-54	"	465,347	89,257	55,385	609,989	3,730
1954-55	"	505,229	77,389	58,060	640,678	3,768
1955-56	"	491,668	86,248	59,491	637,407	3,792
1956-57	"	605,947	100,721	71,349	778,517	3,804
1957-58	"	584,950	104,262	66,710	755,922	3,778 (a)
1958-59	Proposed Demand	614,369	115,439	72,458	802,266	3,800 (b)

(a) Average for 7 months ended 31st October, 1957.

(b) Estimated Average for Financial Year 1958-59.



